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FOLLOW GUIDELINES

Fireworks Safety Is Encouraged By Fire Marshal

The Kentucky Division of Fire Prevention and the Kentucky fire marshal are encouraging Kentuckians to attend community celebrations instead of celebrating with fireworks at home this year as July 4th approaches.

"Setting off fireworks at home runs the risk of injury and may also run the risk of violating local ordinances and state law," state Fire Marshal Bill Swope said in a state news release. "I recommend that families attend local firework displays instead of celebrating with fireworks at home. Let the professionals entertain your entire family."

For those who insist on celebrating at home, Swope said safety and supervision are keys to a successful celebration.

Swope offered these safety tips for the upcoming July 4th holiday and throughout the summer:

- Use fireworks outdoors only.
- Obey local laws. Do not use fireworks where they are illegal.
- Always have a bucket of water or a working water hose nearby.
- Only use fireworks as intended. Don't try to alter them or combine them.
- Never relight a "dud" firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Use common sense. Spectators should keep a safe distance from the shooter, and the shooter should wear safety glasses.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix. Have a "designated adult

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PEGGY WOODRUFF does a face painting Wednesday, June 26, during the Summer Food Service Program's visit to Belmont Apartments.

photo by Charlie Beshears

TO COMBAT DROPOUT RATE

Districts Raise Compulsory Attendance Age

Within two days of the official implementation of the "Graduate Kentucky" bill to promote high school graduation, 54 Kentucky school districts, including Dawson Springs Independent, have voted to increase their compulsory attendance age.

During the first week, 75 districts have updated their policy.

Gov. Steve Beshear, first lady Jane Beshear, and Education Commissioner Terry Holliday challenged the state's school districts to adopt the new policy, and the leaders are encouraged by the districts' enthusiastic response.

"I'm ecstatic that so many school districts are taking immediate steps to help students build a better future by encouraging them to stay in school through graduation," said Beshear. "The fact that so many districts have adopted the

graduation age so quickly shows that our communities understand the importance of changing this antiquated policy, and I congratulate them for their action."

Senate Bill 97, known as the "Graduate Kentucky" bill, passed this year and phases in an increase

in the compulsory school attendance age from 16 to 18, amending the school attendance law created in 1934.

The adoption of SB 97 is voluntary until 55 percent of the state's school districts adopt the policy. Once 96 districts have approved the

change, the remaining school districts must adopt and implement the policy within four years.

To encourage school districts to vote, Beshear and Holliday launched the "Blitz to 96" initiative — a statewide push to reach the 55 percent threshold that will

create the statewide attendance age standard. The first districts to adopt the policy in the "Blitz to 96" will be invited to Frankfort for a special news conference with the governor and commissioner to recognize them for their swift action.

The 75 school districts that have adopted the new policy put the "Blitz to 96" initiative at more than 70 percent toward its goal. More districts are expected to vote soon.

The Kentucky Department of Education is providing \$10,000 planning grants to school districts that adopt the new attendance age policy in the 2013-14 school year. The funds are designed to be used to plan for full implementation in the 2015-2016 school year.

More information about Graduate Kentucky, the Blitz to 96, and resources available to school districts is available at www.graduate.ky.gov.

Local School Board Joins Growing List

By Carolyn Walker

The Dawson Springs Board of Education held a special called meeting June 25 and approved a revision to current board policy which raises the dropout age from 16 to 18 effective in the 2015-2016 school year. The board also approved the application for a Kentucky Department of Education planning and implementation grant in the amount of \$10,000.

KDE is making the grants available to districts which choose to raise the age requirement. If received, the funds are to be used to meet the needs of potential

dropouts. Applications, which were accepted on a first come, first served basis, were due June 26.

Since Dawson Springs already has a plan to assist students at risk for becoming dropouts, the funds can be used to enhance the program already in place and to begin dropout prevention in elementary school.

The board recessed briefly for a district finance corporation meeting. After returning to the board of education session, members voted to approve a resolution to refinance the bond issue dated July 1, 2006. The bond refinancing was explained during the previous night's regular session.

BLUE LIGHTS ACROSS THE BLUEGRASS

Police Patrols Will Increase For Safe Driving Campaign

In an effort to raise awareness of traffic safety laws and encourage safe driving habits, the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety is partnering with state and local law enforcement on the "Blue Lights Across the Bluegrass" campaign

throughout July.

"We are concerned with our current highway fatality numbers," Transportation Cabinet Secretary Mike Hancock said. "The year started with a reduction, but June ended with a higher number of crashes compared

to the same time period last year, and that trend must not continue."

There were 65 fatalities in June 2012 compared to 73 in June 2013. There have been 310 total highway fatalities

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Part Of Hwy. 109 To Be Resurfaced

A two-mile stretch of Hwy. 109 that runs through Dawson Springs will undergo construction as part of the asphalt rehab projects awarded this month by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. More than \$54 million was awarded throughout the state in an effort to fix roads.

The latest round of projects brings this year's total for asphalt rehabilitation contracts to more than \$140

million. The asphalt contracts recently awarded are taking place in 59 of Kentucky's 120 counties.

"Improving and maintaining our roadways through asphalt rehabilitation is just one of the ways we work toward providing safe and efficient travel routes through the commonwealth," Kentucky Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock said.

For the road reconstruction in Hopkins County, Todd County Crushed Stone, doing business as Pennyrile Asphalt, was awarded the contract for \$183,233.

The project will run from the Christian-Hopkins County line, from mile point 0.00 to mile point 2.069, at U.S. 62. A start date has not yet been determined, but the project will be completed on November 15.



MAYOR Jenny Sewell signs the renovation contract with Lanham Bros. of Owensboro for work to begin July 8, on the Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center. The \$380,286 project to fix roof leaks, window seals, brick facade and basement mold must be completed by December 2014.

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Obituaries

Gladys Blanche Hicks, 93

Joseph McKnight, 80

LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 7/3	Thu 7/4	Fri 7/5	Sat 7/6	Sun 7/7
82/65	83/67	85/70	80/71	83/71
Intervals of clouds and sunshine.	A few thunderstorms possible.	Partly cloudy; chance of a thunderstorm.	Scattered thunderstorms possible.	Scattered thunderstorms possible.

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Bones Found In Creek; Investigation Continues

The Hopkins County Sheriff's Office received a call June 29 from residents on Continental Drive in Madisonville who had located multiple bones in the creek behind their residences. Detectives from the sheriff's office arrived on scene and began the recovery process of the bones.

The bones were turned over to the Hopkins County Coroner's Office which, in turn, delivered them to the Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office. An examination will be performed to ascertain whether or not the bones are animal or human.

The reporting deputy was Scott Troutman.

Dawson Springs Officers Report Week's Activities

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following reports last week:

—Stephen L. Alls, 22, 4980 Ilsley Road, was arrested June 22 on Lakeview Drive. He was charged with parole violation. Josh Travis was the charging officer.

—Jennifer L. Adams, 31, 306 W. Hall St., was arrested June 24 on Eddie Beshear Drive. She was charged with failure to appear (Hopkins County bench warrant). Josh Travis was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Rebecca A. Bourland, 23, High Glory Road, Nebo, was arrested June 24 on East Arcadia Avenue. She was charged with failure to pay fines (Hopkins County bench warrant). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Bobby J. Newberry Jr., 32, 108 E. Walnut St., was arrested June 24 at his residence. He was charged with first-degree wanton endangerment and fourth-degree assault (domestic violence) with minor injury. A warrant was taken by the police department following an investigation of a domestic violence complaint. Chief Bill Crider was the charging officer, assisted by Capt. Craig Patterson.

—Ruby S. Adamson, 32, West Hall Street, was arrested June 26 on West Hall Street. She was charged with seven counts of failure to appear (Hopkins County warrants). Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Danny Johnson, 47, 319 W. Walnut St., was arrested June 26 at his residence. He was charged with fourth-degree assault with minor injury. Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—Daniel W. Carter, 32, Nortonville Road, was arrested June 28 on Frederick Road. He was charged with being a fugitive from justice. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer, assisted by Chief Bill Crider.

—Pamela T. Morris, 32, 114 Clarkdale Court, was arrested June 28. She was charged with failure to appear (Hopkins County bench warrant). Brad Ross was the charging officer.

—Ruben M. Martinez, 52, 160 Needmore Road, Princeton, was arrested June 28 on East Hall Street. He was charged with two counts of failure to pay fines (Hopkins County warrants) and violation of a Kentucky emergency protection order/domestic violence order. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

—Teresa G. Love, 57, 512 E. Hall St., was arrested June 28 on East Hall Street. She was charged with violation of a Kentucky EPO/DVO—complicity. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

Two local residents were charged by the Madisonville Police Department:

—Christina L. Jones, 27, 344 Charleston Road, was charged June 23 with theft by unlawful taking.

—Billy J. Hall, 27, 344 Charleston Road, was charged June 23 with theft by unlawful taking.

A Dawson Springs man was indicted June 25 by the Hopkins County grand jury.

—David Meeks, 43, 65 Jennings Road, was indicted on two counts of first-degree sexual abuse of a child less than 12 years of age.



RHONDA MILLS (left) stops to chat with Kalli Hancock, Emma Oldham, Vincent Stanley, and Madysen Ferguson while hiking to the Hunter's Bluff area Tuesday, June 18, with children of the Branch Library's Summer Reading Program.

photo by Jacob Parker

Three Men Injured In Single-Auto Accident

Three Hopkins County men, including two Dawson Springs residents, were injured Monday in a single-vehicle accident on I-69.

According to Kentucky State Police, Larry W. Stanley, 32, of White Plains, was driving north on Interstate 69 near mile marker 93 when his vehicle hydroplaned on the wet slippery surface and began to spin in the roadway. The vehicle exited the right shoulder, struck a ditch embankment and continued approximately 30 yards in the ditch line before coming to rest.

Stanley and his passengers, Anthony W. Clark, 19, and Lawrence C. Tossi, 29, both of Dawson Springs, were transported to Baptist Health Madisonville for injuries sustained in the crash. All three were wearing seat belts.

Sgt. Derek Smith was the investigating officer. Troopers Nathan Craft and Jonathan Murphy, Medical Center EMS and Dawson Springs Fire and Rescue also assisted at the scene.

Hopkins Sheriff Warns Public About Scam Calls

The Hopkins County Sheriff's Office has received numerous complaints from Hopkins County citizens in regard to automated phone calls advising them that someone has paid for a life alert system for them. The sheriff's office has been able to track the telephone numbers and has discovered that they aren't registered to legitimate businesses. The office has also attempted to call the numbers, but the numbers were found to be inactive.

The sheriff's office reminds all citizens not to give out any personal information over the telephone and not to respond to solicitations such as these. As with all phone solicitations, personal information like social security numbers, date of birth, or any type of bank account identifiers should never be given out.

The office also reminds citizens that there is a National Do Not Call Registry available through the Kentucky Attorney General's Office. To add a phone number to this "no call" list by telephoning the attorney general's office at 502-696-5300; or on-line through their Web site, <http://nocall.ky.gov/telemarketer.asp>

Anyone who has received

any unsolicited phone calls and would like to make a complaint may also register the complaint with the attorney general's office.

Nine People Are Killed On Kentucky Highways

Nine people died in nine separate crashes on Kentucky roads from June 24 through June 30.

One single-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in each of the following counties: Campbell, Estill, Floyd, Graves, Green and Pulaski. The victims in Campbell, Estill, Floyd, Graves, Green and Pulaski counties were not wearing seat belts. The crashes in Floyd and Green counties involved the suspected use of alcohol.

One single-fatality motorcycle crash occurred in each of the following counties: McCracken and Rowan. The victim in Rowan County was not wearing a helmet.

One pedestrian was killed in Marshall County. The suspected use of alcohol was involved.

Through June 30, preliminary statistics indicate 310 people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2013. This is 62 fewer than reported for this time period in 2012.

Of the 246 motor vehicle fatalities, 125 victims were not wearing seat belts. Twenty-eight of the 40 motorcycle fatalities were not wearing helmets. The two ATV fatalities were not wearing helmets. One bicycle rider and 20 pedestrians have been killed. One fatality involving an animal-drawn vehicle has been reported. A total of 64 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

As of June 30, Kentucky has had 40 days with zero highway fatalities reported during 2013.

State Reaches Settlement With Online Gaming Co.

Governor Steve Beshear announced June 28 that Kentucky had reached a compromise with an internet gaming company resulting in a \$15 million settlement to recover online gambling losses by Kentucky residents.

Prior to the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006, the federal law which prohibited gambling businesses from knowingly accepting payments in a bet or wager involving the internet, internet gaming company bwin.party, then known as PartyGaming, believed its operations were consistent with the U.S. law. As a result of UIGEA, bwin.party voluntarily shut down its U.S.-facing activities.

Kentucky filed a civil action against bwin.party in August 2010, and earlier this June the commonwealth reached an agreement with the company to settle its claims for \$15 million.

"I'm pleased that we were able to recover losses on behalf of Kentuckians," Beshear said. "bwin.party is making every effort to comply with the laws of the United States and demonstrate that they want to be known for their integrity and honesty in this industry."

Neither bwin.party nor its predecessor was named in a 2008 Kentucky lawsuit against 141 internet domain names.

The payment is the second internet gaming-related settlement received by the state this June. The week prior, Beshear announced that Kentucky would receive \$6 million in a settlement of unrelated federal court actions in New York and Maryland.

Secretary of Justice and Public Safety J. Michael Brown, who filed the suit on behalf of the state, said Kentucky will continue to pursue action against internet gaming companies identified in its pending lawsuits, which include PokerStars and Full Tilt Poker.

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Kentucky Coal Jobs At Lowest Level Since 1950

By Bill Estep
Lexington Herald-Leader

The number of coal jobs in Kentucky has dropped to the lowest level recorded since the state started keeping count in 1950, according to the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet.

An average of 13,109 people worked at coal mines and related facilities in the first quarter of 2013, a drop of 990 people since the end of 2012, the cabinet said in a report completed this month.

The pace of the continued slide was slower than in 2012, when more than 4,000 miners in Eastern Kentucky lost their jobs, but that was little consolation.

“These numbers are not surprising, but they’re very concerning,” said Bill Bissett, president of the Kentucky Coal Association.

In the last 18 months, on-site employment at Kentucky coal mines has dropped by nearly 5,700 people — down 30 percent from the September 2011 number of 18,804.

Eastern Kentucky has been hit hardest, by far. More than 5,500 of those layoffs were in the eastern coalfield, according to the state report.

Eastern Kentucky coal producers face a number of challenges, including competition from relatively cheap natural gas and lower-cost coal from other regions in the country, higher mining costs, and tougher rules aimed at protecting the environment.

Analysts have said the low price of natural gas was a key factor in undermining demand for coal from Eastern Kentucky in 2012.

Production in the region dropped nearly 28 percent in 2012. In the first three months of this year, production at underground mines in Eastern Kentucky ticked back up nearly 2 percent, but dropped 4.6 percent at surface mines, so production fell overall, according to the state report.

Eastern Kentucky coal production has dropped by 42 percent in the last 18 months, according to the state report.

The federal government has held up dozens of applications to open surface mines in Eastern Kentucky out of concern the permit conditions would not adequately protect water quality. Many people argue that has hurt the industry.

“A bitter fact of life is that the (U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency is following a policy designed to impede the Kentucky coal mining industry,” Bissett said in a commentary published in the Lexington Herald-Leader this week.

Others argue the EPA’s actions have not hurt production, given that many mines which already have permits are idled for lack of demand because of market factors.

In contrast, coal production in Western Kentucky was up in the first quarter of 2013, which made for a very

slight statewide increase in production of 0.4 percent, according to the state report.

When coal-burning power plants needed low-sulfur coal to meet clean-air standards, Eastern Kentucky had an advantage over the higher-sulfur coal from the western end of the state, but the installation of scrubbers at power plants changed that dynamic.

The first-quarter report highlights the westward shift in Kentucky’s coal production.

The Western Kentucky coalfield outproduced the Eastern Kentucky region, which covers far more counties, during the first three months of 2013. The opposite was true in 2012.

Western Kentucky counties produced 10.4 million tons of coal in the first quarter compared to 10.1 million tons in Eastern Kentucky, a ratio of 51 percent to 49 percent.

Union County, in Western Kentucky, edged past Pike County, in the far eastern end of the state, in 2012 to become the state’s largest producer. Pike County had been in the top spot for decades.

“We seem to be in a real change position,” Bissett said.

Coal production statewide has fallen 26 percent in the last 18 months, and 52 percent from the all-time high of 180 million tons in 1990, the report said.

If production continues all year at the first-quarter rate, it would be the lowest

since 1963, the report said.

One longtime Pike County coal operator, Bill Smith, raised the hopes of some unemployed miners in recent days when he announced plans to open several mines that would employ an estimated 250 people.

The Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment

Program, based in Hazard, is taking applications for those jobs, said Michael Cornett, spokesman for the regional employment program.

The agency also operates a program called Hiring Our Miners Everyday, or HOME, in which nearly 1,000 laid-off miners have enrolled. About 400 people

have gotten jobs or are training for new careers through the program.

Many laid-off miners, however, appear to be waiting for a cyclical upswing in the coal industry in the region, Cornett said.

“We just aren’t seeing that happen at this moment,” Cornett said.

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 50

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE EXISTING WATER AND SEWER FEES ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 50.60 WATER RATES.

The rates for water services furnished by the city are hereby fixed and established on a monthly basis as follows:

(A) Minimum water rate. The minimum water bill shall be \$12.84 \$13.87 per month, and each water customer shall be entitled to 267 cubic feet (or less) of water in each month for such minimum charge.

(B) Meter rates for water usage in addition to minimum charge. Subject to the minimum monthly water rate specified above, the following metered charges shall be as follows:

Number of Cubic Feet	Monthly Charge
First 267 cubic feet	\$12.84 Minimum \$13.87
Next 401 cubic ft.	-.0332 .04448 per cubic ft.
Next 2006 cubic ft.	-.028065 .0378 per cubic ft.
Next 4011 cubic ft.	-.02392 .0323 per cubic ft.
All over 6685 cubic feet	-.0200+ .0270 per cubic ft.

Section 50.61 SEWER RATES.

(A) The following schedule of rates shall apply to each user where sewer is available. This combined schedule includes rates, for user and debt service charges, based on the volume of metered or estimated water consummption.

SEWER RATE SCHEDULE (Based on Water Consumption)

Water Consumption Per Month	Combined
First 267 cubic ft.	\$14.39* \$14.97*
Next 401 cubic ft.	-.04435 .0507 per cubic ft.
Next 2006 cubic ft.	-.03996 .0457 per cubic ft.
Next 4011 cubic ft.	-.0348 .0398 per cubic ft.
All over 6685 cubic feet	-.02928 .0335 per cubic ft.


*Minimum bill

ORDINANCE IN FORCE

This ordinance become effective immediately upon its adoption, approval and publication as provided by law and the rates set forth herein become effective for the June 2013 billing (July, 2013 revenue).

Given first reading on June 17, 2013.

Given second reading and enacted on the 24th day of June, 2013.


Jenny Sewell, Mayor
City of Dawson Springs

ATTEST:


Janet M. Dunbar, City Clerk/Treasurer

‘6 State Trooper Project’ Boasts Record In Citations Issued: 2,000

An unprecedented number of citations for distracted driving were made in a week-long multi-agency enforcement campaign called the “6 State Trooper Project.” Kentucky State Police joined forces with Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Indiana state police on major interstates from June 16-22 in an effort to combat distracted driving.

Nearly 2,000 citations for distracted driving were issued among the six states. Distracted driving citations include texting, cell phone use, reckless and careless driving.

During this same time frame, 201 collisions were reported involving distracted driving behaviours throughout the six-state region.

“One of the most deadly threats to safety on our roadways is the distracted driver,” KSP Colonel Jack Miniard said in a news release. “Working in tandem with our border states allows us to extend operation beyond the reach of state lines resulting in a force multiplying effort.”

KSP accounted for 173 distracted driving citations for the enforcement campaign.

The “6 State Trooper

Project” began in 2012 with three planned enforcement campaigns targeting operating a vehicle under the influence and marijuana interdiction. The campaign yielded 582 DUI arrests and seizure of 210 pounds of marijuana and 14,327 marijuana plants.

Command staff from all six states reconvened earlier this year and planned three additional multi-state efforts for 2013 that included

distracted driving, DUI and marijuana interdiction.

“This concentrated effort by all six agencies will reduce traffic crashes and combat criminal behavior at a time of year when we see heightened travel on major interstates,” Miniard said.

The next combined enforcement effort is scheduled for September and will target marijuana interdiction and criminal patrol.

Two Juveniles Charged In Earlington Burglary

Two juveniles, aged 17 and 13, were charged with third-degree burglary after an incident at the Earlington Elementary School.

On June 24, Deputy Jeremy Crick responded to a complaint of a burglary that occurred at the school the previous weekend. Thirty iPads, valued at \$500 each, were stolen, along with various other items valued at less than \$500. Damage to an iPad charging cart was also discovered.

Two days later, Deputy Lydon Logan and Deputy Rebecca Bleidt received and followed up on a tip, in

which they located a juvenile at his residence. The juvenile was in possession of 27 iPads, the charging cords, and other stolen items from the school. After being taken into custody, the juvenile admitted that another juvenile was involved in the burglary.

After deputies located the second juvenile, he was questioned before admitting to his involvement. Twenty-nine of the 30 iPads, valued at a total of \$14,500, have been recovered.

The investigation concerning the remaining iPad is still ongoing.



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BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE ORDINANCE #33.03

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014
FOR THE CITY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, a budget proposal and message was presented to the legislative body on the 17th day of June, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the proposed budget on the 14th day of June, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE BODY OF DAWSON SPRINGS, KENTUCKY THAT THE FOLLOWING BUDGET IS ADOPTED FOR FY-13-14 AND THE AMOUNTS STATED ARE APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSES INDICATED.

	General Fund	Municipal Road Aid	LGEAF	Other Funds	Total
REVENUE					
Taxes	613,000				613,000
Licenses & Permits	83,900			58,500	142,400
Charges for Services	225,000			27,000	252,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	5,800	188,000	50,000	8,250	252,050
Miscellaneous	7,750			8,450	16,200
Other Unappropriated Funds	200,000			557,000	750,000
TOTAL REVENUE	1,135,450	188,000	50,000	659,200	2,032,650

EXPENDITURES					
General Government	262,000				262,000
Intergovernmental Exp.	4,885			477,000	481,885
Police Department	416,010			90,450	506,460
Fire Department	68,100			13,250	81,350
Street & Sanitation Department	302,100	151,000	7,800	4,200	465,100
Other Departments	56,040	12,000	4,000	27,000	99,040
Other Expense	1,315		15,550		16,865
Reserve for Contingencies/Cap. Equip.	25,000	25,000	22,650	47,300	119,950
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,135,450	188,000	50,000	659,200	2,032,650


DATE OF FIRST PUBLIC READING JUNE 17, 2013.

PUBLICLY READ AND ADOPTED ON SECOND READING JUNE 24, 2013.

ADOPTED THIS 24TH DAY OF JUNE, 2013.


Jenny Sewell, Interim Mayor
City of Dawson Springs

ATTEST:


Janet M. Dunbar, City Clerk/Treasurer



KRISTIN PEEK (center) was crowned Miss Dawson Springs 2013 Saturday, June 15. With her are first runner-up Cameron Riley (right) and second runner-up Shelby Loney. (left)

photo by Jacob Parker

Agriculture Economic Impact Is Worth Billions To Kentucky

The importance of Kentucky agriculture extends well beyond the farm. The total economic impact of agriculture production, inputs, processing and manufacturing is nearly \$46.3 billion and represents 263,000 jobs in Kentucky, based on a recent analysis by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

Kentucky is one of a growing number of southern states where an emerging agbioscience industry is proving to be a boon to their economies, according to a recent survey conducted by Battelle, the world's largest independent research and development organization. Agbioscience encompasses a broad continuum of development, production and value-added use of plants and animals for food, health, fuel and industrial applications.

Historically, employment associated with Kentucky agriculture has been limited to production agriculture, said Alison Davis, agricultural economist and director for the college's Community and Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky. The value of this sector in Kentucky is \$6.1 billion; this includes cash receipts from commodities as well as revenues from additional sources of farm income, such as custom work, machinery hire and farm rental values. Cash receipts totaled nearly \$5 billion including \$2 billion in agricultural exports in 2011. The largest agricultural export originating from Kentucky is soybeans followed by tobacco and corn.

It's important, however, to recognize food and fiber processing and manufacturing that value-added enterprises represent beyond the farm gate.

"Ignoring these businesses underestimates the value of the agricultural sector," Davis said.

Defining the Kentucky

agriculture cluster to include these sectors adds 143,776 workers to the more than 90,000 individuals who work directly in agriculture production and \$24 billion in direct revenues. This impact does not include service-based industries such as banking, insurance or legal sectors. In addition, this number does not include the nearly \$10 billion impact of the forestry and wood products sector and the more than 51,000 jobs that support it, Davis noted.

The Battelle study, "Impact and Innovation: Agbioscience in the Southern United States," finds that agriculture, forestry and fisheries production generates \$240 billion in economic activity within the Southern region and supports more than 2.2 million jobs, with labor income totaling \$62 billion.

Downstream processing of agriculture, forestry and fisheries output into value-added food and industrial products adds an additional \$1 trillion in output to the South's economy, and almost 4.6 million jobs with labor income totaling more than \$200 billion.

"In our science- and technology-based economic development practice at Battelle, we have observed the consistent rise of agbioscience as a core driver of economic growth and business expansion opportunities for the U.S.," said Simon Tripp, co-author of the report. "This is an extremely dynamic sector, leveraging sustainable biobased resources to produce goods that meet large-scale market needs. The Southern region is a global leader in traditional agricultural economic activity and can count itself as one of a select few regions in the world that is also leading the charge in emerging areas of the modern bioeconomy."

The study's findings show that agbioscience, its value-chain in production and the

downstream industrial activity are vital to the country's sustainable global and domestic economic future, with the Southern region helping drive that activity.

"The current and future importance of the agbiosciences is hard to overstate," Tripp said. "For instance, this science and industry sector is fundamental to the survival of the world's expanding population, the food security of our nation and the health of our population."

Battelle conducted the report on behalf of the Southern Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors and the Association of Southern Regional Extension Directors.

DEMOCRATS FOR/REPUBLICANS AGAINST

Kentucky Lottery To Offer Keno In Early November

By Kevin Wheatley
The State Journal

The Kentucky Lottery Corp. expects its new Keno game will be available for play by early November, but lawmakers expressed concerns Thursday that the game will create new gambling addicts.

Lottery executives and Kentucky State Treasurer Todd Hollenbach, who serves on the lottery's board of directors, presented their plans to offer Keno and the Web-based iLottery during a meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue.

Combined, the new games are expected to yield nearly \$55 million to the General Fund by fiscal year 2019. iLottery alone is projected to add \$49 million to state coffers by fiscal year 2023.

House Speaker Greg Stumbo discussed the idea of expanding lottery games to include Keno and iLottery as a means to finance the state's pension obligations during the 2013 session. Stumbo's proposal failed to gain traction, but the Kentucky Lottery Corp. moved forward with the plan after the session adjourned.

"It occurred to me that we were not, as a board, fulfilling our fiduciary duty of generating as significant a dividend for the commonwealth as possible for us to generate,"

Hollenbach said. "... We decided it was time to move forward with Keno and Internet lottery sales."

Keno requires players to choose up to 10 out of 80 numbers on a ticket. The lottery will draw 20 numbers every five minutes, and players win if they picked numbers drawn. Players can play multiple drawings on a single ticket.

Marty Gibbs, vice president and chief operating officer of the Kentucky Lottery Corp., said 13 other states offer Keno and have annual sales totaling \$3 billion.

If the game opens in November as planned, she estimated Keno would sell more than \$29 million in fiscal year 2014. By fiscal year 2019, Gibbs said Keno sales could surpass \$108 million with 675 vendors offering the game.

The game would be offered at typical lottery locations like gas stations and convenience stores as well as social settings like restaurants and bars, she said. Keno is expected to be offered at 400 locations in November, eventually growing to 675 by 2019.

Sen. Bob Leeper, a Paducah independent who chairs the Senate Committee on Appropriations and Revenue, expressed concern that the five-minute drawing interval would encourage gambling addiction.

"You start playing a game

at five minutes apart on a video terminal, you've dramatically increased the number of addicts you're going to have," he said, noting lottery officials hope to add the game to locations that serve alcohol and appeal to a new, younger audience with Keno and iLottery. "It's just going to happen."

Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, asked whether the lottery board reviewed any gambling addiction studies from other states that offer Keno.

Hollenbach and Gibbs said no studies on the impact of Keno on gambling addiction are available, but the board is still gathering information on the game from states where it's played.

"It's been noted that we take very seriously and are very proud of the fact that we are as socially responsible as a lottery can be," Hollenbach said.

Gibbs said the Kentucky Lottery Corp. will limit the number of draws customers can play on a single ticket to \$240, but she conceded the agency can't limit the number of Keno tickets sold to an individual.

Sen. Sarah Beth Gregory, R-Monticello, said Keno could be ripe for a legal challenge because it may go beyond the original intent of the state lottery. She noted the game could be played in social settings and have multiple drawings throughout the day.

KET Lists Upcoming Programs

On Connections with Renee Shaw, Shaw sits down with Dr. Dorothy Edwards, an anti-bullying expert who is currently executive director of Green Dot Inc., a center dedicated to effective intervention and prevention of power-based personal vi-

olence. Edwards is currently working with government entities, state coalitions, military, nonprofits, community organizations, high schools and colleges from around the globe. Connections airs July 28 at 12:30 p.m. on KET.

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Obama's Plan Will Limit Carbon Dioxide Emissions

By Bill Estep
Lexington Herald-Leader

Kentucky's coal-fired power plants produce a lot of carbon dioxide, so President Barack Obama's call to limit such emissions from existing plants sparked sharp reaction.

Supporters saw an historic effort to step away from the brink of devastating climate changes. Opponents predicted economic ruin. Utilities said the plan could drive up electricity rates.

About the only thing everyone seemed to agree on is that limiting carbon-dioxide emission from existing power plants would have "significant, far-reaching effects" in Kentucky and elsewhere, as Len Peters, secretary of the State Energy and Environment Cabinet, said in a blog post.

The effects are hard to predict because Obama did not say what standards he would push. He directed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to come up with the rules.

U.S. Sens. Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul, and U.S. Reps. Andy Barr, Hal Rogers and Ed Whitfield, all Kentucky Republicans, condemned Obama's plan, saying

higher electricity rates would kill U.S. jobs.

"He may as well call his plan what it is: a plan to ship jobs overseas," McConnell said in a speech hours before Obama released the plan.

Whitfield, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power, said the panel will hold hearings on Obama's plan and its anticipated economic effects.

In Kentucky, Peters said his cabinet will study how greenhouse-gas regulations could affect the state, with an eye toward coming up with strategies — such as improved efficiency at coal-burning power plants or capturing and storing carbon — to cut the cost of complying with the rules.

Peters also noted that Kentucky has a lot of jobs that rely on relatively low-cost electricity.

"Kentucky is unique, and when we talk about the ramifications of standards on existing plants it's not because we are pro-coal or anti-environment, it's because jobs and economic well-being are particularly vulnerable, and not every state is equally vulnerable," Peters wrote.

Kentucky gets more than 90 percent of its elec-

tricity from coal-burning power plants, so the state is one of the largest carbon producers in the country — one of the 18 where emissions went up from 2000 to 2010, according to federal statistics.

The state's economy "will further erode" because it relies so heavily on coal-fired electricity generation, Peters said.

The plan to cut carbon emissions from coal-fired plants could mean much higher electricity prices, East Kentucky Power Cooperative and Kentucky Utilities said.

The reason would be the cost to retrofit plants to meet the rules, East Kentucky spokesman Nick Comer said.

"Clearly, Obama's plan will have a profound impact on the electric rates paid by Kentuckians because we depend on coal to generate affordable, reliable energy," Comer said.

Obama's plan would have a "chilling effect on the production and use of coal domestically that will greatly impact coal-producing states like Kentucky," said Bill Bissett, president of the Kentucky Coal Association.

One reason is that natural gas burns more cleanly than coal, so utilities could switch fuels to meet lower carbon limits.

Eastern Kentucky already has seen a dramatic drop in coal production and jobs as low natural gas prices led utilities to switch for cost savings.

Justin Maxson, president of the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development, said that as the administration moves to cut carbon emissions, it should invest in Eastern Kentucky communities long dependant on coal.

In his speech, Obama anticipated the charge that his plan would kill jobs.

U.S. businesses have responded many times before with innovation to reduce pollution without economic ruin, Obama said.

"Don't bet against American workers. Don't tell folks that we have to choose between the health of our children or the health of our economy," he said.

Environmentalists and others applauded Obama's initiative.

Paul Vincelli, a plant pathologist at the University of Kentucky who organized a forum on climate change, said Obama's move was historic.

Science makes it clear it's time for the United States to act to address the causes and effects of climate change, said Vincelli, who stressed he did not advocate a particular approach and was speaking in an individual capacity, not as a UK representative.

"It's very clear that we should be doing something," he said.



ALYSSA GRAY (left) and Bethany Unruh shovel holes to plant cox-combs on Tuesday, May 28, as part of the 2013 Summer Reading program on the corner of Munn St. and South Main.

photo by Jacob Parker

U.S. Supreme Court Recognizes Benefits For Same Sex Marriages

By Rachel Aretakis
Lexington Herald-Leader

A ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on June 26 makes it possible for gay and lesbian couples in Kentucky to obtain federal marriage benefits, but the decision doesn't alter the state's ban on same-sex marriage.

Under the ruling, same-sex couples in Kentucky who are legally married in other states will be eligible to receive more than 1,100 federal benefits available to opposite-sex couples.

"It feels a little bit like today is my third wedding day," Lexington resident Ann Malcolm said after hearing about the court rulings. She and her wife, A.C. Meacham, had two weddings in 2011: one in Lexington and an official ceremony in Washington, D.C., where same-sex marriage is legal.

One of the first things Malcolm did after the court rulings was speak with her employer about changing her marriage status on federal tax documents.

"There are so many rights and responsibilities and benefits that come along with being married," she said.

The Supreme Court struck down a portion of the federal Defense of Marriage Act, a 1996 law that denies the right of same-sex couples to collect federal marriage benefits. The court also issued a technical ruling that upheld a lower court's declaration that Proposition 8 banning same-sex marriage is unconstitutional.

Some religious groups were quick to reiterate that the rulings don't alter a 2004 amendment to the Kentucky Constitution that bans same-sex marriage and civil unions. The amendment won approval from 75 percent of voters.

"The bottom line for Kentuckians is that Kentucky's Marriage Amendment is left intact, which was passed with more votes in favor than votes on both sides of any previous Kentucky constitutional amendment," said Martin Cothran, spokesman for The Family Foundation.

Lexington Fairness chairman Roy Harrison said his

group is hopeful that Kentucky leaders will now be more willing to reconsider the state's ban on same-sex marriage. The next step, he said, is getting a statewide fairness ordinance.

He noted that four Kentucky cities — Lexington, Louisville, Covington and Vicco — have passed ordinances prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and that others, including Frankfort, are considering the issue.

Jeff Fugate, pastor of Clays Mill Road Baptist Church in Lexington, said he fears the court's rulings will encourage more fairness ordinances, which he said are unconstitutional.

"It's a sad day for America's Christian heritage," Fugate said.

Although most national polls show a slim majority favoring same-sex marriage, a solid majority of Kentuckians still oppose the idea.

In an April telephone poll of 1,052 Kentucky voters by Public Policy Polling, 65 percent of respondents said they think same-sex marriage should remain illegal. Only 27 percent said it should be allowed, and 8 percent were not sure.

"It's very clear that Kentucky is still very conservative on this issue," Cothran said. "We don't see that challenging to such an extent that would threaten the current constitutional language."

However, Kentucky voters appear more open to the idea of civic unions for same-sex couples. Fifty-two percent of respondents said gay couples should either be allowed to marry or form civil unions. Only 44 percent said there

should be no legal recognition of a gay couple's relationship.

Harrison said momentum is growing in the state to allow civil unions as people "are beginning to understand that being gay is not strange."

Paul Brown, president of Gay and Lesbian Services Organization in Lexington, said he has seen a shift in public opinion in Kentucky's metropolitan areas. But that's not generally the case in rural areas, where "it has been a struggle to change people's attitudes."

Property Tax Rate Is Set

The Kentucky Department of Revenue has set the 2013 State Real Property Tax Rate at 12.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Kentucky Revised Statute 132.020 requires the Department of Revenue to set the real property rate no later than July 1 of each year.

This rate is based on the revenue generated from the increase in taxable real property assessments from 2012 to 2013. If the assessment increase is more than 4 percent after the exclusion of new property added to the tax roll during 2013, then the prior year rate must be reduced. Because the assessment increase for 2013 is estimated at 1.32 percent, the state rate will remain the same as the 2012 rate, 12.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

All of the revenue generated from the state property tax rate will go into the state's General Fund.

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It Felt Almost Like Last Year

Vegas baby! It's said, "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas."

The only thing I can think of which hopefully stays right there in Vegas is the heat. After several days of temperatures in the 115 degree range and temperatures near 100 at midnight, it was good to see a high temperature around 75 in Dawson Springs Monday.

Last year it was near 110 the last few days of June in Dawson Springs.

Vegas is an amazing destination, and not because of the gambling. There is plenty to see and do in Sin City without dropping the first coin in a slot machine or at a table game.

There are plenty of very good restaurants all around the city and bargains can still be found — by looking around or by looking online.

Beth loves shrimp (so do I) and we had a 99¢ shrimp cocktail at the Fremont Hotel and Casino and then later had steak and lobster for \$11.99 at Tony Roma's in the Fremont.

The shrimp were tiny but the lobster tail, though not large, wasn't tiny. The Fremont is one of the older places in the downtown section.

We visited the Fremont Street area, which is downtown, for the first time Thursday night, then returned again Saturday night.

It seems to be cooler downtown but on Saturday it was very crowded.

The best deal we found on food was in the diner at the Golden Gate. Shrimp cocktails were \$2.95. The shrimp were the perfect size and there were plenty of them.

Friday night we saw the "Beatles Love" show at the Mirage. It is a Cirque de Soleil show set to the music of The Beatles. The entertainers are amazing, and the aerial stunts are very dangerous. At our performance, there was a pause in the middle of the production because of some technical problems. Other than that the show went off without a hitch and it was entertaining, even though you could be a bit uneasy watching it.

The next night, on a different stage and a different show, one of the Cirque entertainers fell and died during the performance. That is not something you would want to see, but with the difficulty of the aerial performances it's rather amazing accidents aren't more common.

I'm not saying a few wagers weren't made. The Bums (Dodgers) cost me a bit as they won four straight games, then I placed a bet on them and they lost 16-1 before winning two more straight while we were there — without me making any wagers for or against them.

However, overall this Kentucky gambler broke even. It's hard to win much without wagering much, but that also makes it more difficult to be a regretful loser.

For those who are interested, the official line for the Kentucky Wildcats to win the NCAA championship is 3-1. They are the early line favorite. The third pick, at 8-1, is the defending national champion Louisville Cardinals.

I didn't bet on either.

Tonight is the 14th annual fireworks show at Riverside Park.

Who knows how many more of these will be held, but each year the fireworks have been a blast (pun intended).

Another big crowd is expected for the Tradewater Pirates baseball game with Dubois County and the fireworks. The game is starting one hour earlier this year with hopes the fireworks will begin by 9 o'clock.

The forecast is for pleasant temperatures with rain ending, so it looks to be a good night to get out and enjoy the celebration.

The celebration is for our country's birthday (237 of them and counting) which is the following day on the fourth.

As bad as many would have you believe our country is heading down the wrong path, it's important to remember it pales in comparison to some of the other predicaments we have faced.

The recession of the past few years is nothing compared to what happened in the 1930s.

The division of our government is nothing compared to the divisions that led to the Civil War.

And although we seem to have plenty of enemies, there are still many countries who look to the United States as one of their main allies.

So after 237 years, the United States of America is still standing strong; we are still looked to as the beacon of the free world; and we still believe there is room in our grand country for peoples of different religions, different races and with different ideas.

There is no better place on God's Earth where I would rather be.

Now for some funnies — probably borrowed from Chip...

—When a man's copies from his printer began to grow faint, he called a local repair shop where a friendly man informed him that the printer probably needed only to be cleaned.

Because the store charged \$50 for such cleanings, he told him he might be better off reaching for the printer's manual and trying the job himself.

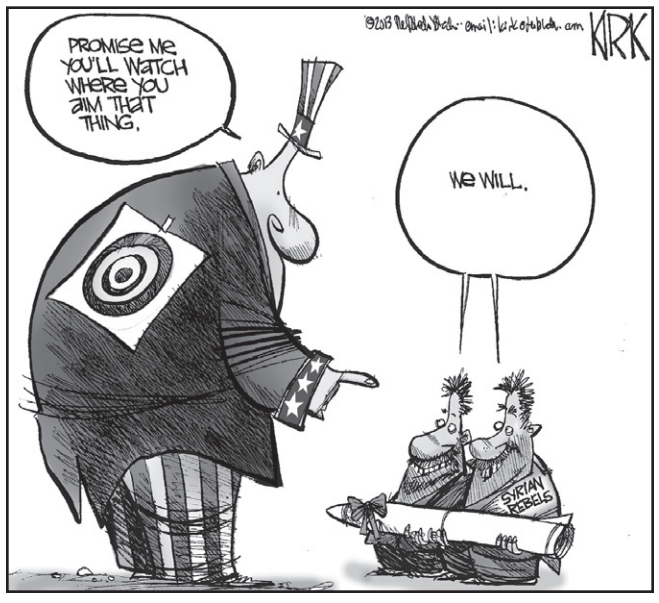
Pleasantly surprised by his candor, he asked, "Does your boss know that you discourage business?"

"Actually, it's my boss' idea," the employee replied sheepishly.

"We usually make more money on repairs if we let people try to fix things themselves first."

— "I'm sorry," said the clerk in the flower shop, "we don't have potted geraniums. Could you use African violets instead?"

Replied the customer sadly, "No, it was geraniums my wife told me to water while she was gone."



COMMENTARY

A Thank-You-Card Is Required

From rare.

The News-Enterprise

You don't give gifts or cards necessarily to be told thank you, but admit it: It sure would be nice, especially coming from someone who likely is between the ages of 16 and 23.

The wording inside the card doesn't need to be long-winded, just to the point. Just two words would do: "Thank you."

And maybe we can't expect someone in their late teens or early 20s to do this. After all, maybe mom and dad never showed the way regarding how to be courteous and thankful to others so Johnny and Julie are just following their parents' path?

But learning at an early age that it is an appropriate gesture to offer a note of appreciation could go a long way for youngsters in life. There's nothing wrong with dropping a note to an employer after a job interview or a card of thanks to someone who watched your dog during vacation, brought food by or just called after a family death.

Being a decent and caring human being is a good thing in this crazy, fast-paced world.

All it takes is a little time for a thank-you card.

Remember that \$20 in the envelope or gift card you dropped in the mail for the recent high school graduate you know?

Maybe you showed up at the graduation party and handed it to the person getting ready to move onto a new phase of life with a hug or pat on the back.

It may have prompted a note of thanks that's stuck in the mail somewhere. Or not.

Likely, it has not been mailed or even thought to be mailed. Maybe the note of thanks for you remembering the graduate on their big day is not even a memory now.

This space is reserved for many things on a daily basis. Today, it provides a reminder about demonstrating manners and doing the right thing.

Like when someone takes the effort to buy a graduation card and then gives money to show their support and generosity, the least the recipient could do is take a few minutes to say thank you. Either deliver the note in person or drop it in the mail. That's all anyone should expect in return.

But it indeed has become

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Authors Are Invited

Dear Editor,

I am looking for local published authors who might want to join me in a mini book fair at the Barbecue. I already have permission for a booth; I just have to fill out the application.

We would be selling our books and giving part of the proceeds to the branch library. If you are interested or know someone who is, please phone me at 797-8309. Leave a message, and I'll call you back.

If you are from Dawson

Becky Solomon
Dawson Springs

Road Plan Questioned

Dear Editor,

The Kentucky road plan includes a proposal to widen East Arcadia and perhaps add turning lanes, maybe sidewalks and a new drain

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Ethnic Jokes Are Unacceptable

Make no mistake: It never was, isn't now and never will be acceptable to use racial slurs, tell ethnic jokes or make comments that are in anyway demeaning to anyone.

All of these are inappropriate.

Does that mean it never happened or doesn't happen now? Of course not. It has for generations, across cultures and times whenever anyone repeated a joke about someone from another culture, someone who was different because of race, religion, ethnic background, gender, sexual orientation — you name it. Even if the oft-heard disclaimer attributing the story to someone else prefaced the repeating, that didn't make it acceptable.

Whenever this whole thing with Paula Deen settles, whatever the outcome, it's keenly heightened — or at least should have — our awareness that we all need a bit of sensitivity training; some more than others.

To review this growing firestorm, the Queen of Southern Cooking was named in a lawsuit filed by Lisa T. Jackson, a former manager of Deen's restaurants in Savannah, Ga. According to the deposition, Jackson alleges "... that Deen and her brother, Bubba Hier, committed numerous acts of violence, discrimination and racism that resulted in the end of Jackson's five-year tenure at Deen's Lady & Sons and Uncle Bubba's Oyster House eateries in Savannah."

According to CNN: "In a deposition for the lawsuit, Deen was also asked whether she had ever used the 'N-word.'

"Deen answered that she had probably used the racial

slur when talking to her husband about 'when a black man burst into the bank that I was working at and put a gun to my head' — an incident that took place 30 years ago."

Questioned further, Deen was asked whether she had used the word at any other times since. She responded, "I'm sure I have, but it's been a very long time."

There are other aspects of the lawsuit, but these are the ones making the headlines.

The context of the use of "the N-word" doesn't matter nor does the culture of the Old South in which Deen grew up. It's no longer good enough to say, "My father said that, but that's what he grew up hearing" as a reason for ever repeating it and any of the other slew of "inappropriate."

In the 1970s, the television sit-com "All in the Family" changed the culture of the medium with Carroll O'Connor's character, Archie Bunker, saying pretty much whatever he wanted, smearing anyone who wasn't like him — and that was most everyone from his son-in-law to his neighbors!

Then came Sherman Hemsley, Bunker's neighbor George Jefferson spinning off "All in the Family" in "The Jeffersons," the antithesis to Bunker's all-white rhetoric.

Redd Foxx in "Sanford and Son" continued the no-holds-barred, say-what-you-want climate — and we all laughed, maybe even repeated lines from the shows.

All those shows still air in reruns in the "other world" of not-primetime television. A fresh rendition of any would not be allowed today

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LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, July 3, 2003.)

Wendy Bullock was crowned Miss Dawson Springs at the annual pageant held Saturday night. Lindsey Butler was first runner-up and Anna Marsili was the second runner-up.

Katharine Havana Keller was born Saturday, June 21, at the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. She weighed seven pounds and 10 ounces.

The funeral for Mrs. Louise Yandell, 81, was held Monday morning, June 30, at Beshear Funeral Home.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, July 7, 1988.)

Cassie Lynn Carmon was born Wednesday, June 29, at the Regional Medical Center in Madisonville. She weighed eight pounds and 3-1/2 ounces.

Micah Ray Melton was born Thursday, June 16, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville. He weighed seven pounds and 15 ounces.

Thea Lynae Hendrickson was born Sunday, May 29, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center in Hopkinsville.

She weighed seven pounds and 15 ounces.

Joel G. Hurley was elected senior vice commander of the VFW Department of Kentucky at the 1988 convention held in late June in Louisville.

Funeral for Orville T. Gwynn, 67, was conducted Wednesday morning at Beshear Funeral Home.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, July 4, 1963.)

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Elmer Roy Lantaff, 72, at the Beshear Funeral Home.

M. C. Wise and his grandsons Tommy Chamberlain and Kelly Young all celebrated their birthdays Sunday, June 23.

A surprise birthday party was given Robert Dale Over in honor of his tenth birthday Saturday, June 29.

Sherry Tolbert celebrated her fifth birthday with a party in her home Thursday, June 27.

Funeral services were held for John Tyson Fox, 53, Sunday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

Last rites were conducted for Jame Cleveland (Jim) Ligon, 74, Saturday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home.

MOMENTS IN TIME

• On July 7, 1852, according to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stories, Dr. John H. Watson is born. Coincidentally, the author died on this day in England at the age of 71. His first Sherlock Holmes story, "A Study in Scarlet," was published in Beeton's Christmas Annual in 1887.

• On July 5, 1946, French designer Louis Reard unveils a daring two-piece swimsuit at a Paris swimming pool. A Parisian showgirl modeled the new fashion, which Reard dubbed "bikini," inspired by a U.S. atomic test that took place off the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean earlier that week.

• On July 6, 1976, in Annapolis, Md., the United States Naval Academy admits women for the first time in its history with the induction of 81 female midshipmen. In May 1980, Elizabeth Anne Rowe became the first woman member of the class to graduate.

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age system. Safety and school traffic appear to be reasons for the proposal. The third reason was to make the town look good?

How will all of those improvements fit into the current roadway? According to the proposal, this could be done by taking most of the parking spaces in front of businesses along East Arcadia.

In order to get a mental picture of how this year-long project may look, think curbs and sidewalks in front of Pizza Hunt, but don't think about parking and picking up your food. There will be no parking spaces. If you call an order in to Miss Becky's, she could hand you your order as you pass her front door.

If you use the drive thru at Woodburn's, better think again if this project goes because plans call for elevating South Parker to be near level with East Arcadia. No more going to the Dollar General from South Parker; the only entrance will be a shared one with Food Giant. Food Giant will most likely lose one of its entrances. All stores will lose some or all parking spaces. Hawk Buildings will need to think about curb service and personal safety when coming out their front door.

Rev. Moore will be curb side as well; maybe he needs to get his skates out so he can serve his drive-by customers. Beware of traffic when entering or leaving Fifth Third Bank as their accessible entrance will be curb side. That nice little pull over in front of the bank for a quick dash in, well it will be gone too. If you want Mexican food or to use the tanning bed or rent a movie, take a number. Most of their parking will be gone.

While some of my examples may be a little extreme, they are pretty much on target. The utility poles on each side of East Arcadia are roughly the division between private property and the state right-of-way. The right-of-way, heretofore, served public use. At the very least everything from the utility poles on each side to the street would be taken by the street and improvements. The roadway, curbs and sidewalks would either be elevated or

lowered depending on the drainage system. Entrances to businesses will be shared; curbs and sidewalks will prevent crossovers where there are no entrances directly in front of businesses.

Safety may be a valid issue. However, the statistics show the accident rate is only slightly higher than those occurring on a two-lane country road. Pedestrians, either walkers or persons using electric carts or chairs, would seem to be at increased risk with crisscrossing the street from business to business. Crosswalks could become danger zones. School traffic may cause some minor delays, but is a multimillion dollar project needed? Will the suggested changes solve the problem? Would an analysis by a traffic pattern engineer identify safer and more efficient routes than over utilization of South Parker and Eli Street? Since a study deemed our town too small for a signal light, one would assume that there are other alternative routes to reduce school traffic congestion.

The business district along East Arcadia will be

irrevocably damaged should suggested improvements be implemented. Eliminating parking will cause businesses that are already struggling to give up the fight and close their doors.

At this writing, I have been unable to identify how this proposal became part of the Kentucky road plan. There was interest somewhere because a multimillion dollar project does not just appear in a state road plan. The project's history may be a mystery but its future, if implemented, will be a nightmare for our community.

We will be asking the city council to take a position against this project and to contact policy makers to stop this madness before it becomes a reality. If you agree that this plan will hurt our community, we urge you to make your voices heard through the mayor's office, city council and your state senator or representatives and the governor. It does not look like this project has funds dedicated to it yet, so there is time to make your opinion known.

Gayla Peach
Dawson Springs

State Historical Society Joins With Smithsonian

The Kentucky Historical Society and the Smithsonian Institution announced a new affiliation at the annual KHS Boone Day event June 29.

The affiliation will allow KHS and the Smithsonian to collaborate on projects and facilitate loans of Smithsonian artifacts and traveling exhibitions. Harold A. Closter, director of Smithsonian Affiliations, made a formal announcement as part of the Boone Day celebration at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History.

"We are delighted to welcome the Kentucky Historical Society into our Smithsonian partnership program," Closter said in a press release. "The Kentucky Historical Society is well known for its significant collections, accomplished staff, commitment to education, and service to the people of

Kentucky.

"We look forward to developing exhibitions, programs, and research collaborations that will highlight the important work of both of our organizations and develop new avenues of understanding Kentucky history."

KHS will join 177 Smithsonian affiliates in 42 states as well as Puerto Rico and Panama. KHS called the partnership "a significant honor."

"Partnering with the Smithsonian reflects the Kentucky Historical Society's commitment to sharing the power of history with Kentuckians in as many ways as possible," said KHS Director Kent Whitworth. "KHS' innovative educational programs paired with the extensive resources of the Smithsonian will be a bold new opportunity for Kentucky history."

Cool/Crawly Critter Day Planned At LBL July 13

Land Between The Lakes National Recreation Area will be offering *Cool & Crawly Critters Day* at Woodlands Nature Station on July 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will offer children an up-close look at bugs, snakes, turtles, fish, and more.

Admission is \$5 ages 13 and up and \$4 ages 5-12. Ages 4 and under are free. All programs are included with admission fee, and lunch will be available for purchase.

The day's events include games, crafts, programs and lots of cool and crawly critters.

There are ongoing exhibits such as the Insect Road Show, Rescued Reptiles, Aquatic Animals, and Slithering Snakes. Throughout the day, scientists and naturalists will be on hand conducting programs and answering questions. Smokey Bear will also stop by for a visit. The day offers a variety of activities for everyone, especially ages 5-12. Home

educators use this day as part of their science and nature curriculum.

A complete list of activities can be found at <http://www.lbl.org/pdf/13coolcrawlycritterday.pdf>.

Featured programs include the Live Animal Show: Meet a Fruit Bat, Prairie Dog, and more! at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.; the 6th Annual Turtle Race at noon; and the Amazing Animals Puppet Show at 2 p.m.

"If your children like animals, they will love *Cool & Crawly Critters Day*. Everyone will delight in the many up-close encounters they will experience with animals of all kinds," said Nature Station naturalist, Aviva Yasgur. "Families can spend the day having fun while learning about these animals hands-on. You may find out that these critters are cooler and less creepy than you thought."

OPERATION POLLINATOR

UK Entomology Researchers

Focus On Attracting Pollinators

By Katie Pratt

Golf courses may provide a haven to rebuild dwindling pollinator populations which in turn could boost ecosystem health and benefit everyone, said researchers in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

In a project called Operation Pollinator, Emily Dobbs, a graduate student in entomology, and her adviser, UK entomology Professor Dan Potter, are working with five Lexington golf courses to attract pollinators and monarch butterflies by establishing areas of native wildflowers.

"The goal is for the wildflowers to provide a diverse group of pollinators with a food source and refuge and for the wildflower mixture be a sustainable choice for turf managers in Kentucky," Dobbs said.

In the past five to 10 years, researchers estimate that pollinator populations have declined anywhere from 30 to 60 percent, depending on the pollinator. Potter believes habitat loss and fragmentation caused by urban development are the main culprits.

"By augmenting pollinator habitat with sites like these, we can help to conserve their benefits for gardens and the like," Potter said. "In the case of monarchs, these areas will provide stepping stones for them, or weigh stations, as they migrate from North America to Mexico each winter."

One wildflower mixture targets monarch butterflies. Two other mixtures were designed to attract bees native to Kentucky, which includes small, solitary bees like halictids and andrenids and large, social bees like bumble bees.

Dobbs received help developing the mixtures from Sharon Bale, UK extension floriculturist, and Diane Wilson of Applewood Seed Company in Arvada, Colo. All flowers used in the mixtures are native to Kentucky and are either perennials or self-seeding annuals. They designed the mixtures for season-long bloom, which aids in aesthetics in addition to providing the ideal pollinator habitat. Thus far, some of the top performing species

have been lanceleaf coreopsis, plains coreopsis and bergamot.

The Swiss-based company Syngenta started Operation Pollinator in Europe more than a decade ago. Dobbs' research project is the first one for golf courses in North America.

"We've tried to be leaders in conservation biology for landscapes and golf courses for many years," Potter said, noting the UK Department of Entomology's work with biological control and beneficial insect preservation.

The first year of data collecting for the three-year project was in 2012. During the growing season, roughly from June through October, Dobbs and Samantha Marksberry, a recent UK graduate in entomology and animal sciences, collect pollinators from the flowers in the plots throughout the summer and fall using a variety of methods.

Research plots are located on five Lexington golf courses and on UK's Spindletop Research Farm. Each plot is 10 meters wide by 40

meters long (or about 32 ft. by 131 ft.).

The goal is for the plots to be an option for golf course managers instead of the traditional or naturalized roughs, but they could also use them around tee boxes and greens, Dobbs said.

Once researchers have the best mixture for pollinator populations, it will be released to the public. Dobbs and Potter said in addition to golf courses, the mixture could work on horse farms, parks and personal property.

While researchers developed the wildflower mixtures specifically for Central Kentucky, they may also perform well in states in the turf industry's transitional zone, which includes Kentucky and at least sections of neighboring states.

Dobbs said golf course superintendents were receptive to the project, and in the coming years, Marriott plans to establish the mixture on 11 of their golf courses across the United States.

Kentucky Kingdom Will Reopen In May 2014

From Kentucky Press News Service

A group of business people, led by Ed Hart, said it now has the financing in place to reopen the long-shuttered Kentucky Kingdom amusement park adjacent to the state fairgrounds in Louisville.

Louisville radio station

WFPL reports that a fair board spokesperson said the lease agreement is already in place.

The plan is to reopen Kentucky Kingdom in May 2014.

Hart opened the park in the 1990s but later sold it to Six Flags, which filed for bankruptcy and closed the facility four years ago, WFPL said.

Ethnic Jokes Are Unacceptable

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on the major networks.

Deen says, paraphrasing The Scriptures:

"If there's anyone out there that has never said something that they wish they could take back, if you're out there, please pick up that stone and throw it so hard at my head that it kills me," she said tearfully. "Please — I want to meet you."

It was never right, but "language inappropriateness" may have been tolerated at one time. Thankfully

that time has passed.

If you're not guilty, be thankful; if you are but have repented, consider yourself fortunate; if you've never started, don't; and if you have, then don't let it happen again.

Paula Deen is paying a hefty price for inappropriateness that may destroy her career. While she wouldn't agree that is appropriate, if it teaches us anything about what is appropriate then it could be worth it.

—Frankfort State Journal

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TORI BULLOCK (left) and Christian Abbott perform at the Dayspring Church puppet booth Wednesday, June 26, during the Summer Food Service Program's visit to Belmont Apartments.

photo by Charlie Beshears

Data Book Measures Kids' Well-Being

By Jacob Parker

Kentucky ranks 34th in the nation on overall child well-being, according to the Annie E. Casey Foundation's 2013 *KIDS COUNT Data Book*. The *Data Book* shows that kids and families in Kentucky gained in areas of education and health, but more families are struggling due to poverty and financial insecurity. Of the 16 measured categories, the state ranks 32nd in economic well-being, with families continuing to struggle in economic security as the state worsened on three of the four indicators in this domain. One key indicator highlighted in this section is

the percent of children living in poverty, which increased by 23 percent between 2005 and 2011. This means that 27 percent (16.4 million) of all Kentucky children now live in poverty. One third of children in the United States lived in families where no parent had full-time year-round employment. According to the organization, one key solution is to restore the recent cuts to the Child Care Assistance and Kinship Care Programs to support working families. Also, enacting a state Earned Income Tax Credit, the nation's most successful anti-poverty program for children, would make

sure people who work hard are able to meet their basic needs, support their families and stay off welfare. The state ranks 38th in family and community, where a contributing factor to the high percentage of children living in poverty is the percent of children in families where the head of household lacks a high school diploma or GED. However, Kentucky experienced a 24 percent improvement between 2005 and 2011 on this indicator. In education the state ranks at 28th, improving on all of the indicators in the education domain. The number of fourth-graders who were not

proficient in reading improved slightly, along with the number of children enrolled in preschool. According to the organization, investing in quality early childhood programs, including child care and preschool, needs to be a priority as it will pay off in the long term. The state has also improved on all four of the indicators in the health domain compared to the pre-recession baseline data. In particular interest, the number of uninsured children fell by 14 percent between 2008 and 2011. According to the organization, new health coverage options coming soon will help even more children gain coverage. To access the data, visit <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/publications/data-book/2013>.

Driving Campaign Increases Patrols

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as of July 1 — 62 fewer than for the same time period last year. Half of those killed were not wearing seat belts; 20 percent involved an impaired driver and 70 percent of those killed in motorcycle crashes were not wearing helmets. "With the summer travel season, more people are on our roadways, which might explain the slight increase in June," said KOHS Director Bill Bell. "However, it does not explain why people are not making safe decisions when they get behind the wheel."

Statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration indicate seat belts, when worn correctly, reduce the risk of fatalities by 45 percent for front-seat vehicle occupants, and by 60 percent for pick-

up truck, SUV and minivan occupants. Also according to NHTSA, regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect against and reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes. "Seat belts clearly save lives, but unfortunately too many motorists still need a tough reminder of our law," Hancock said. While officers will patrol all roadways in their designated city or county, a special emphasis will be placed on the areas where the majority of crashes have occurred. "Law enforcement will be out in force, citing anyone committing traffic violations," Bell said. "Whether you drive a car or motorcycle, you must obey the law." Total highway fatalities were steadily increasing from 1999 to 2005, with 729 fatalities in 1999, 823

in 2000, 843 in 2001, 915 in 2002, 931 in 2003, 964 in 2004 and 985 in 2005. Since 2005, the number slowly decreased until 2012, with 913 fatalities in 2006, 864 in 2007, 826 in 2008, 791 in 2009, 760 in 2010, 721 in 2011, and 746 in 2012. In 2012, more than half of those killed in motor vehicles were not restrained; 20 percent involved an impaired driver; and 53 percent were motorcyclists not wearing helmets. The Farmers Market will be open in Veterans Memorial Park Friday from noon until 5 p.m. A variety of fresh fruits and vegetables will be available.

Farmers Market At Park Friday

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ACCORDING TO AAA

Gas Prices Fall Before Holiday

Holiday travelers may have more than July 4 to celebrate according to AAA East Central. West Central Kentucky gas prices fell almost 12 cents to \$3.338 this week. Gas prices in Dawson Springs as of noon Tuesday were \$3.49 per gallon. The national average price for regular unleaded gasoline is \$3.478 per gallon. This is 8 cents less expensive than one week ago and 14 cents less than one month ago, but it remains 15 cents higher than the same day last year. The national average has now declined for 19 straight days and 34 of the last 40.

Regional supply disruptions in May and early June propelled gas prices sharply higher in some parts of the country — first the Northwest and then the Midwest — even as retail prices in the rest of the country drifted lower. As these production and distribution issues were resolved, prices for states in the impacted regions have plummeted back to earth. Gas prices across the country are finally moving lower in lockstep, leading up to the Fourth of July, which is welcome news for the 34.4 million travelers AAA expects will travel by automobile this holiday period. Prices in every state and Washington, D.C. have dropped over the past week, led by substantial declines in a number of Midwestern states.

In both 2011 and 2012 the national average reached a summer low near this date. In 2011 prices bottomed at \$3.54 per gallon on June 30. In 2012 they bottomed at \$3.33 on July 2. The national average may continue to drift lower in the coming days, especially as prices in the Midwest and Great Lakes retreat from near historic highs; however, crude oil prices remain substantially higher than last year and are likely to limit the amount further than the national price will fall. Barring a decline in crude oil prices, gas prices may turn higher in July as the summer driving season ramps up, demand for gasoline increases and the hurricane season continues. The national average rose 17 cents per gallon in July 2011 and 16 cents in July 2012.

Baseball, Fireworks Are Tonight

The annual fireworks display and baseball game kicking off the Independence Day celebration will take place tonight at Riverside Park. The park opens at 4 p.m. with the baseball game between the Tradewater Pirates and the Dubois Bombers beginning at 6 p.m. Fireworks will follow the game.

Safety Is Encouraged For Fireworks

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shooter." • Do not use homemade fireworks or illegal explosives: They can kill you! • Report illegal explosives to the local fire or police department. Fireworks for sale to the public are clearly marked as 1.4 fireworks. According to state law, people under 18 cannot sell fireworks unless supervised by a parent or guardian; people under 18 cannot purchase fireworks; fireworks cannot be used within 200 feet of a structure, vehicle or other person; and fireworks cannot be sold to anyone who is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

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Thursday, July 4

- July 4th Celebration at Madisonville City Park, 5 p.m.
- Bouncing B's
- Food vendors
- Beer Garden
- Conch Republic Band from Lexington Kentucky performs from 6-9 p.m.
- Let Freedom Sing vocal talent contest, final round.

Fireworks Show at 9:00 p.m.
accompanied by The Madisonville Community College Singers Tune in to Howdy 97.7 for patriotic music.

Friday, July 5:

- Tradewater Pirates vs. Fulton Railroaders Madisonville City Park, Elmer Kelly Stadium at 7p.m. Sponsored by Madisonville Lions Club, Madisonville Rotary Club and Madisonville Noon Kiwanis Club.

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KHSAA Distributes More Than \$33,000 In Royalties

KHSAA News Release

KHSAA member schools benefitted in the third year of a royalty program with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) and Licensing Resource Group (LRG), a trademark licensing company with nearly 20 years of experience managing trademark licensing programs for more than 150 colleges and universities, athletic conferences and athletic organizations nationwide.

The program was created to help the KHSAA's 280 member schools collect revenues from royalties collected on merchandise sold at local and national retailers featuring the NFHS logo. The officially licensed hang tags, a creation of LRG similar to hang tags that appear on collegiate merchandise, are individually numbered and track the sale of each apparel item, as well as where it originated. Nationally, the program distributed more than \$1 million in profits in the first year. The KHSAA distributed \$33,682.33 to its member schools following the 2012-13 school year in more than 240 separate distribution checks.

"While there is no doubt these are challenging economic times for our member schools, we are excited to give them another revenue source, however large or small, they can use to support their extra-curricular programs," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. "While the royalty amounts vary by school, we are more than pleased with the way things went and we only expect it to increase as more retailers come on board. And the exciting piece for the membership is that by signing the non-exclusive agreement to participate in the program, they get the help of LRG in enforcing local school marks, and help in making sure their own marks don't infringe on existing trademarks. Intellectual property is serious business and the folks at LRG are experts we are glad that we can partner with in order to help our schools."

National retailers and regional retailers who belong to the LRG program include Walmart, Walgreens, Lids, Meijer, Dollar General, Hibbett Sports, Dick's Sporting Goods, Dunham's Sports and Kroger.

Participation Numbers

In data gathered for submission to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), football represents the most popular sport in Kentucky in terms of participants during the 2012-13 academic year with 13,315 students (54 girls) competing for 222 schools.

Baseball ranked second among boys' sports with 7,278 participants across 261 schools, followed by Basketball (6,874), Track and Field (6,476), and Soccer (6,059). Volleyball was the most popular sport on the girls' side with 6,260 participants covering 257 schools, followed by Fast Pitch Softball (5,754), Soccer (5,551), Track and Field (5,476) and Basketball (5,359).

The 2012-13 season marked the debuts of Competitive Cheer, Archery and Bass Fishing as KHSAA-sponsored sport activities. Competitive Cheer had a strong showing during its debut season with 5,114 female competitors and 179 males across 248 schools. Archery had a total of 1,961 participants (1,077 boys) competing for 70 schools, while Bass Fishing was sponsored by 31 schools and had 346 students compete.

National Committees

KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett and Assistant Commissioner Angela Passafiume have been selected for oversight positions with the National Association of Sports Officials (NASO) and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). Passafiume was appointed to the NFHS Field Hockey Rules committee representing Section 2 during last week's NFHS Summer Meetings in Denver, Colo., and was also named Chair of the NFHS Officials Association Advisory Committee. Tackett, meanwhile, is one of NASO's four new elected board members for the upcoming 2013-14 season.

Dead Period

As mandated by KHSAA Bylaw 24, the summer Dead Period began June 25 and runs through the end of July 9. During that time, school money cannot be spent, student-athletes and coaches cannot be together except for a very few, limited exceptions, and school facilities, equipment and transportation cannot be used.

A high school facility cannot be used by members of the team during the dead period, Regardless of who is supervising, and who is using, etc. Schools and teams cannot have parents supervise the weight room in place of coaches, or parents can't supervise fall workouts and practice by team members, with or without the coach. The dead period rule has not changed and this type of activity has never been permitted. Facilities are shot down through midnight on July 9 to students who played on those 9-12 grade teams

Meetings, even in preparation for the fall season, involving student-athletes and coaches cannot be held during the Dead Period. Tryouts are also forbidden during this time.



ALYSSA DISMANG of Bama (at left) concentrates on hitting the softball during recent 12U softball action. Above, Caleb Hickerson of the Rays pitches in 12U baseball play.

Photos by Mike Howton



DALTON SIMONS of the Tigers tags out the Rays' Devin Baker at the plate in a 12U baseball game.

Photo by Mike Howton



BAMA won the championship of the 12U softball league. The squad is pictured after winning the tournament title. Team members are (front) Alyssa Dismang, (middle, from left) Brooklyn Jones, Jalynn Hooper, Emily Abbott, coach Kristen Hooper, (back) Marissa Foe, coach Amy Elam, KiKi Riggs, Kaylee Simpson, Isabel Spurlin, Kiana Hooper, coach Carol Dismang and Madison Spurlin. Not pictured: Ariel Childers.

Photo Provided

Youth League Champions Crowned

League and tournament champions have been crowned in youth league action.

The Bama team won both the regular-season and tournament titles in 12U softball action.

In 10U softball, the Crittenden County Bombsquad was the regular-season champ while Caldwell County's Cardi-

nals won the post-season tourney.

In 8U softball, the Crittenden Wildcats won both the season and tournament titles.

In baseball, the Caldwell Braves won the 10U league title on the final day of the season, then also took the tourney crown.

The Caldwell Cardinals won the 8U

baseball season and tourney championships.

Only 12U baseball had not completed tourney play as of Tuesday afternoon. The Reds from Crittenden County won the regular-season title and had reached the title game of the tourney.

See scores and final league standings on page B3.



HANNAH FUNKHOUSER of the Red Sox (at left) slides under tag from Bama's Brooklyn Jones while Sabreyn Pleasant of the Red Sox watches from the on deck circle. Above, Breanna Cunningham of the Yankees throws from third to first in 12U softball play.

Photos by Mike Howton

Amateur Baseball Association Begins Play

By Jacob Parker

The Tradewater Amateur Baseball Association kicked off their inaugural season June 26 with the Cardinals pulling

out a 7-5 win over the Dodgers. The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was canceled due to rain.

On Sunday, the Dodgers beat the Giants 10-0, and the Cardinals beat the

Braves 12-3.

The league's games will continue tonight, with the Braves versus the Dodgers and the Cardinals versus the Giants.

Leaving Kentucky Too Soon Cost Noel Millions

SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



BOB WATKINS

Let us celebrate with moderation, Nerlens Noel's good fortune this celebratory week (July 4).

A multi-millionaire, (\$2,640,600, according to NBA Rookie pay scale), the newest Philadelphia 76er is probably house shopping for Mom, gated community of course. And, assuming he has a driver's license, a shiny new car to go with tailored and monogrammed wardrobe, while his agent negotiates a product endorsement or two.

Noel has arrived. Life is good, right? Well, maybe.

Drafted sixth, not first, then traded, Noel told reporters he felt overlooked and declared. "I'm going to make them pay."

Truth is, Noel the teenager, ought be spouting modesty since he is 30-plus pounds light and three years short on experience to talk payback anything.

Noel must prove he's up to an 82-game grind for a franchise in rebuild mode, the travel, and flurry of temptations.

Unmoved by sentiment and draft expert projections, five UNBA general managers demonstrated that Noel leaving Kentucky after two semesters was a mistake. Too skinny and with a surgically repaired and untested knee, the kid who took bad advice.

Most talking-head prognosticators, ESPN to CBS to draftexpress.com, said Noel would be first pick to the Cleveland Cavaliers. Oops. All have gone quiet.

Anthony Bennett was top pick followed by Indiana's Victor Olapido. Then, if you were a Noel handler/advisor, including Kentucky's coach, came the big embarrassment ... three big men were drafted ahead of UK's one-and-doner — 6-9 Otto Porter of Georgetown, 7-0 Cody Zeller from IU, and 7-1 Alex Len from Maryland.

Noel was chosen by New Orleans and traded to Philadelphia.

Oops.

So, the kid who should be doing re-hab drills and shoot-arounds at UK's Craft Center as a sophomore-to-be at University of Kentucky this winter, is a teenage millionaire.

His college coach has already changed the subject. John Calipari won't be tweeting: Picked sixth instead of first cost Noel 1,793 million dollars for first NBA season alone.

Anthony Bennett's first NBA contract calculated out three years, will make him more almost \$14 million; Noel projects to make \$8.27 million. Difference: \$5.62 million.

Oops

Bottom lines?

✓ Leaving Kentucky too soon costs Noel millions.

✓ This is the true face of dollar-driven one-and-done.

Archie Goodwin

One must be pleased for up-and-down Archie Goodwin. Chosen 29th by Phoenix Suns, one-and-done Goodwin could qualify as poster boy: "I wanna ball, man, show my game, not go to no college!"

He made the first round cut and is guaranteed \$887,000 for first season.

What next? Goodwin, who seemed to want to fight every defender who muscled him in college, had better grow up fast or find himself in the D-League.

Fare-the-well, Kyle Wiltjer

Basketball fans in Kentucky love shooters. It's in our genes. An efficient lay-up to conclude a fast break could be a logo for Rupp Era Big Blue, but the "gimme that old time religion to makes 'em holler," calls for a pull-up jump shot and swish at the end.

So, Kyle Wiltjer, Kentuckians will miss thee mightily. Big Blue Nation thanks you for the moments.

Wiltjer may change his mind, not transfer, but playing time for two seasons elsewhere seems a sound one.

The junior-to-be never got the public vote of confidence he earned. To wit: "Kyle's experience makes him our starter at power forward until somebody beats him out."

It never came. With a reloaded roster, Wiltjer was instead, expendable. Business is business.

UK & Learfield Report

Seemingly more aware of academic achievement these days, University of Kentucky's athletics department issued good news recently.

The Learfield Sports Directors Cup, a measure of academic success in college athletic departments, reports

University of Kentucky was 25th in final standings for the 2012-13 year. First top 25 finish in UK history.

Notably, neither men's basketball or football contributed toward UK's record Directors' Cup results.

The Learfield finish, "continues a pattern of consistent improvement in the Directors' Cup during the Mitch Barnhart era," the release said. "With the steady upward trend, Barnhart's goal is advancing UK into the top 15 by 2015.

"Clearly, the sports that gather the most attention, rightly or wrongly, are ones we've got to get better in," AD MitchBarnhart said. "Fans look at three or four sports, first and foremost, and it's interesting that while we might not have had the success that we've wanted or been used to, excitement for those sports is at an all-time high."

Right again.

Q&A Dept.

Q. Who's the best Kentucky (basketball) Wildcat you ever saw?

A. Anthony Davis. From Hall of Famers Frank Ramsey and Cliff Hagan in early 1950s, to youngest All-American ever at Kentucky, Davis was nearest to Best of the Best, Larry Bird (at Indiana State).

Q. Lots of praise and expectation for Kentucky and Louisville are going to be next season. Are they really that far above others?

A. No. Both started last season ranked in top three. We know how that turned out.

Q. Coaches, active top 10. Your best of the best?

A. Easy. 1. Mike Krzyzewski, 2. Rick Pitino, 3. Bill Self, 4. Geno Auriemma (UConn), 5. Brad Stevens (Butler), 6. Mark Few (Gonzaga), 7. Kevin Stallings (Vandy), 8. Jim Boeheim (Syracuse), 9. Tom Crean (Indiana). 10. Shaka Smart (Virginia Commonwealth)

One to watch: Ray Harper, Western Kentucky.

Correction

In this space last month a quote from Isaiah Thomas about Larry Bird was, well, a misquote. The correct one: Detroit Piston guard Isaiah Thomas told reporters in 1987 that if Bird were black he "would be just another good guy" instead of being portrayed as the league's best player."

And so it goes.

You can reach Bob Watkins at sprtsinky@aol.com.

Following Fishing Etiquette Gets You Another Invite

By Jeff Knapp — The Fishing Wire

Here are a few reminders the next time you go out on your fishing buddy's boat to fish. Follow these simple rules of fishing etiquette and it's likely you'll be asked back. Accepting an invitation to join a friend on his or her boat for a day of fishing is a privilege.

As with many potential relationships, your conduct during the outing will have a lot to do with being asked again. This compilation of dos and don'ts should help ensure that second date. Do Chip in for Fuel

With the high cost of fuel, this should be a no-brainer. Sadly, this doesn't always seem to be the case.

As a rider, if you agree to accompany someone for a trip, understand that's it your ethical obligation to pay your share of the fuel. We all know what gas costs — a shocking reminder reinforced each time we fill up. Do a little simple math in your head during the day to arrive at a liberal estimate of what the tow vehicle and boat motor used that day, and then leave the boater with half that amount.

At day's end — or when at the pump — don't ask the awkward question, "Can I give you something for gas?" That matter should have been answered when you said yes to the trip.

Don't Leave Your Trash in the Boat or Vehicle

A day on the water will produce the inevitable collection of empty water bottles, balls of twisted fishing line, sandwich wrappers and pile of torn plastic baits. The boater has enough to do at the end of the day tending to things like re-organizing the boat and charging the batteries. Add picking up your trash to the list and you might have spent your last day on that particular boat. The same goes with the tow vehicle. Take with you empty containers that held food and drink consumed on the way home from the lake.

OUTDOORS

Do Be on Time

With the understanding that things can happen, such instances are the exception. More commonly lateness is simply a matter of poor planning or, worse yet, poor manners — an implication that says, "My time is more valuable than your time." Want to make your boater happy? Have your tackle and duffle neatly organized and ready to be stowed when he pulls up to the meeting spot. Want to make him unhappy? Make him wait, pondering the question, "How can I ready the boat, couple the trailer to the vehicle, and be on time when my rider can't?!"

Don't Over-use the Smartphone

Smartphones can be a tremendous asset to anglers. Given a decent signal you can monitor the weather, check solunar periods, and even access web sites to see if that big crappie you caught is a new state record.

As a rider, what you don't want to do with a smartphone is email, text or call other fishing buddies for advice on where and how you should be fishing that day. Chances are your boater has a pretty good idea of how he wants to approach the day's fishing, and such unsolicited advice isn't going to be well -taken. If you want to know how your buddies would fish that day, go with them.

Do Limit Your Gear to a Reasonable Amount

This seems to be an issue with folks that have their own boat but also fish in others' boats. When they show up as a guest, they bring the same level of rod/reel combos and tackle that they have in their own rig.

Understand that there's only so much room in the back of the boat — a limitation put to the test if you bring outfits to cover every conceivable crankbait, jerkbait, spinnerbait, drop-shot, Carolina rig, Texas rig and jig presentation known to fishing, along with the tackle boxes filled to the brim to rig said outfits.

Pare down your tackle choices and number of rods when fishing as a guest. It may mean having to use only three or four rods to fish a variety of baits and lures. Scissors take up a lot less space than five extra rods.

Don't Rig Your Rods at the Ramp

Don't be the guy that waits until the boater is ready to float the boat off the trailer to start rigging rods. Chances are you have a pretty good idea of the type of fishing you'll be doing that day, so you can have your stuff already rigged. If not, beforehand ask, "How deep will we be fishing? Will we be in cover or open water? Fishing fast or slow?" If it's not possible to have these items addressed prior to the trip, no problem; just rig up after you get to the first fishing spot. Remember, you brought scissors.

Do Maintain a Positive Attitude

Finally, keep your spirits up, even on days when the fish don't cooperate as well as you'd anticipated; or when the weather conditions are challenging. A lot of whining will have your host considering the many merits of fishing alone.

There's a lot more to fishing than simply catching lots of fish. Be a good sport and it's likely you'll get the opportunity again.

Even Pros Struggle To Relocate Moving Bass

Of all the problems bass tournament pros face, being forced to re-locate fish that have suddenly moved ranks among the hardest to solve, and it happens often this time of year during the transition from spring into summer. It happened to Yamaha Pro Greg Vinson, who after leading a Bassmaster® Elite event for two days, lost his fish the next day and fell to 23rd in the standings.

"I did not have a good practice at Bull Shoals, but on the first day of competition the bass had moved to an area I thought they might go to, and I caught nearly 17 pounds, enough to lead the tournament. The next day, they weren't there, but I managed to find them again nearly 400 yards away, and caught more than 13 pounds and kept the lead.

"On the third day, they disappeared again and I never re-located them. I really don't know where they went, or why they left."

What continually surprises Vinson is how fast bass do re-locate, and how far they may travel. "Generally, if the weather has been cooler than normal in the spring and it starts warming quickly, bass will move shallow, while if it has been warm in the autumn and turns suddenly cold, any fish in shallow water move back out toward deeper water. In either case, a school of fish can make a mass movement overnight and travel several hundred yards.

"At Bull Shoals, when the bass moved shallow, I re-located them by finding baitfish first, and sometimes forage like this will actually trigger bass to move, because the forage is even more sensitive to temperature changes and moves first. When I'm trying to re-locate bass that have moved, I always start looking for baitfish at the same time because bass do follow them."

Changes in water conditions, such as becoming extremely muddy due to rain and runoff, may also cause bass to move. When that happens, Vinson looks for the nearest clear water. "Changing water conditions can be tricky because the bass may simply become inactive and just stop biting," warns the Yamaha Pro. "Whenever I've been catching bass steadily and then stop getting bites, I first change lures and retrieves, just to make certain the fish really have left.

If I've been using a fast-moving jerkbait, I'll change to a much slower soft plastic bait, or if I've been catching bass on a slow retrieve, I'll speed up and try for a reaction strike.

"After I'm sure the fish have moved, I'll usually use a spinnerbait to try to find them again because it's such a good

reaction strike lure."

When he realizes his bass have definitely left the area, Vinson also looks for the nearest available cover when he thinks the fish have moved shallow, or the first substantial depth change when he believes they have moved deeper.

"If you just can't find your bass again anywhere, the best thing may be to leave the area entirely and just start over again. If I've been catching bass in a tributary creek, for instance, I may try to find another creek with similar cover or structure and I can establish a similar pattern.

"The trouble is that when you have been catching bass consistently in a certain area, it's really, really hard to make yourself leave that spot. That's what happened to me at Bull Shoals. After catching more than 30 pounds of bass in two days and leading the tournament both of those days, I was convinced I could re-locate those fish and start catching them again, but I never did."

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YOUTH LEAGUES

LAST WEEK'S BASEBALL RESULTS, STANDINGS

15U BASEBALL LEAGUE

Monday, June 24, at Eddyville
Webster County.....000 11 — 2
Lyon County.....411 1x — 7
WP: Avery Ellis
Webster leading hitters: Burns 1B; Pitt 1B; Villines 1B; Salazar 1B; May 1B.
Lyon (11-6) leading hitters: Gavin Colley 1B, 3B; Max Wadlington 1B; Jack Walker 1B; Garrett Wynn 21B; Tyler Wilson 1B; Brodie Breitrick 1B; Avery Ellis 1B; Zach Melton 3B; Dalton Nelson 1B, Jake Klueppel 1B; Taylor Carney 1B.

Webster County.....000 23 — 5
Lyon County.....414 1x — 10
WP: Max Wadlington
Webster leading hitters: Burns 1B; Pitt 2B.
Lyon (12-6) leading hitters: Gavin Colley 2B; Max Wadlington 1B; Garrett Wynn 2B; Tyler Wilson 1B; Brodie Breitrick 1B; Avery Ellis 1B; Dalton Nelson 1B, 1B; Taylor Carney 1B.

Monday, June 24, at Marion
Dawson Tigers.....4
Crittenden County.....13

Dawson Tigers.....18
Crittenden County.....19

Tuesday, June 25, at New Providence
Lyon County.....094 0 — 13
New Providence.....230 0 — 5
WP: Gavin Colley
Lyon (13-6) leading hitters: Gavin Colley 1B; Max Wadlington 1B; Jack Walker 1B, 1B; Avery Ellis 1B; Zach Melton 1B, 1B.

Lyon County.....363 0 — 12
New Providence.....020 1 — 3
WP: Max Wadlington
Lyon (14-6) leading hitters: Jacob Snyder 1B, 2B; Gavin Colley 1B, 1B; Max Wadlington 1B; Jack Walker 1B; Avery Ellis 1B; Garrett Wynn 1B.

Thursday, June 27, at Eddyville
Reidland.....000 30 — 3
Lyon County.....102 3x — 6
WP: Avery Ellis
Reidland leading hitters: Langston 1B; Mitchell 1B; Gaunce 1B.
Lyon (15-6) leading hitters: Jacob Snyder 1B; Gavin Colley 1B; Jack Walker 2B; Gabe Board 1B.

Reidland.....000 01 — 1
Lyon County.....211 0x — 4
WP: Brodie Breitrick
Reidland leading hitters: Langston 1B; Mitchell 1B.
Lyon (16-6) leading hitters: Max Wadlington 1B, 1B; Zach Melton 1B, 2B; Brodie Breitrick 1B; Dalton Nelson 1B; Jake Klueppel 1B.

Friday, June 28, at Princeton
Lyon County.....121 13 — 8
Caldwell Brewers.....004 00 — 4
WP: Jacob Snyder
Lyon (17-6) leading hitters: Jacob Snyder 1B; Gavin Colley 1B; Tyler Wilson 1B, 1B; Brodie Breitrick 2B; Garrett Wynn 2B; Taylor Carney 1B.
Caldwell leading hitters: Austin James 1B; Cameron Warfield 1B; Jordan Nichols 1B; Josh Sigler 1B; Johnny Graham 1B.

Lyon County.....150 31 — 10
Caldwell Brewers...031 04 — 8
WP: Avery Ellis
Lyon (18-6) leading hitters: Jacob Snyder 1B, 1B, 2B; Tyler Wilson 1B; Avery Ellis 1B; Taylor Carney 1B.
Caldwell leading hitters: Devin Haile 1B, 1B; Jordan Nichols 1B; Dustin Harris 2B; Josh Sigler 1B; Ryan Frisch 2B; Johnny Graham 1B, 1B.

12U BASEBALL LEAGUE

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	GB
Crittenden Reds	12	0	-
Caldwell Marlins	7	4	4.5
Crittenden Royals	6	6	6
Caldwell Cardinals	5	5	6
Dawson Tigers	4	6	7
Caldwell A's	3	7	8
Dawson Rays	0	9	10.5

Monday, June 24, in Marion
Royals.....501 2 — 8
Cardinals.....101 1 — 3
Royals leading hitters: Jayden Carlson 1B, HR; Adam Beavers 2B; Devon Nesbitt 2B, 3B.

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Thursday, June 27, in Princeton
QUARTERFINAL
Tigers.....3
Royals.....8

QUARTERFINAL
Rays.....310 0 — 4
Marlins.....384 x — 15
WP: Wyatt Capps
Rays leading hitters: Devin Baker 1B; Jeff McKnight 1B; Caleb Hickerson 1B.
Marlins leading hitters: Ethan Capps 1B, 2B; Cayden Frallex 1B, 2B, HR.

Friday, June 28, in Princeton
QUARTERFINAL
A's.....103 01 — 5
Cardinals.....001 00 — 1
A's leading hitters: Oliver Parker 1B, 2B; Stallins HR; Luke Nelson 1B; Aaron Ziobro 2B.
Cardinals leading hitters: Travis Newsum 2B.

SEMIFINAL
Royals.....122 0 — 5
Reds.....620 2 — 10
Royals leading hitters: Cody Belt 2B; Pate Robinson 1B; Adam Beavers 2B; Devon Nesbitt 1B.

10U BASEBALL LEAGUE

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	GB
Caldwell Braves	8	4	-
Caldwell Pirates	7	5	1
Dawson Tigers	7	5	1
Caldwell Orioles	2	10	6

Tuesday, June 25, in Princeton
Braves.....9
Pirates.....1

Orioles.....202 1 — 5
Braves.....204 1 — 7
Braves leading hitters: Nick White 1B, 1B, 1B; Tate VanHooser 2B; Deontaye Walls 2B; Devin Kilgore 1B.
Orioles leading hitters: Colton Morse 1B; Layton Davis 1B; Travion Samuel 1B; Evan Flear 1B; Stephen Graham 1B.

Tigers.....040 15 — 10
Orioles.....110 1x — 3
Tigers leading hitters: Landon Pace 1B, 1B, 1B, 2B; Ethan Jones 1B, 2B; Dylan Dawson 2B; Ethan Stuart 1B.
Orioles leading hitters: Cole Smiley 2B; Colton Morse 2B; Evan Flear 1B; Stephen Graham 1B.

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Thursday, June 27, in Princeton
SEMIFINAL
Orioles.....400 00 — 4
Braves.....222 00 — 6
Orioles leading hitters: Cole Smiley 2B; Colton Morse 1B; Layton Davis 3B.
Braves leading hitters: Nick White 2B, 2B; Tate VanHooser 1B, 2B; Jack Stevens 2B; Ethan Trotter 1B.

SEMIFINAL
Pirates.....632 5 — 16
Tigers.....121 x — 4
Pirates leading hitters: Blake Vivrette 1B; Layton Hammett 1B, 1B; Preston Nichols 1B, 1B, 2B, 2B; Tripp Branch 1B, 2B; Jordan Hammett 1B, 1B; Bubba Jones 2B.
Tigers leading hitters: Landon Pace 1B; Dylan Dawson 2B.

FINAL
Pirates.....300 20 — 5
Braves.....301 02 — 6
Pirates leading hitters: Blake Vivrette 1B; Layton Hammett 1B, 2B; Tripp Branch 1B; Jordan Hammett 1B.
Braves leading hitters: Nick White 2B; Tate VanHooser 1B, 2B, 2B; Deontaye Walls 2B; Johnson 1B; Seth Slayton 1B.

8U BASEBALL LEAGUE

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	GB
Caldwell Cardinals	14	0	-
Caldwell Rangers	9	5	5
Caldwell Pirates	9	5	5
Caldwell White Sox	7	7	7
Dawson Dodgers	6	8	8
Caldwell Yankees	4	10	10
Dawson Rockies	0	14	14

Monday, June 24, in Princeton
Dodgers.....8
Yankees.....5

Dodgers leading hitters: Logan Halverson 1B, 1B, 1B; Matt Cunningham 1B, 1B, 2B; Chevy Blanton 1B, 2B, 2B, 2B; Ashton Cook 1B; Tre Smith 1B, 2B, 2B.
Yankees leading hitters: Nate Noel, 1B, 1B; John Turpin 1B; Luke Parker 1B, 1B; Hunter Newsom 1B, 1B; Josh Rogers 1B, 2B, 2B; Camden McGregor 1B, 1B; Wyatt Trotter 1B, 1B; Hunter Trotter 1B; Hudson McCoy 1B.

Dodgers.....1
Rangers.....6
Dodgers leading hitters: Logan Halverson 1B; Matt Cunningham 1B; Chevy Blanton 1B, 1B, 2B; Ashton Cook 1B, 1B; Tre Smith 1B, 1B.
Rangers leading hitters: Brayden Stanley 2B; Colin Whittington 1B, 2B; Carter Whittington 1B, 2B; Cofy Harris HR; Gus Fox 1B; Jeremiah Herrell 1B, 1B; Junior Fox 1B, 1B, 3B; Kaden Heaton 1B, 2B.

Monday, June 24, in Princeton
Rockies.....0
Cardinals.....6
Forfeit

Rockies.....0
White Sox.....6
Forfeit

8U TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, June 25, in Princeton
QUARTERFINAL
Dodgers.....8
White Sox.....9
Dodgers leading hitters: Logan Halverson 1B, 2B; Matt Cunningham 1B, 1B, 1B; Chevy Blanton 1B, 2B, 3B, 3B; Toby Stevens 1B, 1B, 3B, HR; Ashton Cook 1B, 1B, 2B; Colin Werley 1B, 1B, 1B.
White Sox leading hitters: Landon Davis 1B, 1B, 3B; Austin Crick 1B, 1B, 1B, 3B; Canyon Richardson 1B, 1B, 1B; JaSean Riley 1B, 1B, 1B; Marcos 1B, 2B; Kameron Spikes 1B, 1B, 2B; Demarius Thompson 2B, 2B; Bradley Peters 1B; Dylan Harris 1B.

QUARTERFINAL
Yankees.....350 4 — 12
Pirates.....101 0 — 2
Yankees leading hitters: Luke Parker 1B, 2B, 2B; Hunter Newsom 1B, 1B, 1B; Nate Noel 1B, 1B; John Turpin 1B, 1B; Josh Rogers 1B, 2B; Wyatt Trotter 1B; Camden McGregor 1B; Hunter Trotter 1B.
Pirates leading hitters: Easton Kizzee 2B; Logan Chambliss 3B, 3B; Connor King 2B; Anthony Gray 2B.

QUARTERFINAL
Rockies.....0
Rangers.....6
Forfeit

SEMIFINAL
White Sox.....501 003 — 9
Cardinals.....350 04x — 12
White Sox leading hitters: Landon Davis 1B, 1B; Austin Crick 1B, 1B; Canyon Richardson 1B, 1B; JaSean Riley 1B, 1B, 1B; Marcos Gonzalez 1B, 2B; Dylan Harris 1B; Kameron Spikes 1B.
Cardinals leading hitters: Grayden Miller 1B, 1B; Travis Perry 1B; Ryan Hammett 1B, 1B; Barrett Cotton 1B, 2B; Corbin Nichols 1B, 2B; Cannon Littlejohn 1B, 2B; Timothy Nichols 1B, 1B; Aiden Graham 1B.

Thursday, June 27, in Princeton
SEMIFINAL
Yankees.....263 042 — 17
Rangers.....303 04x — 10
Yankees leading hitters: Luke Parker 1B, 1B, 2B, 2B, 2B; Hunter Newsom 1B, 1B, 1B, HR, HR; Nate Noel 3B, 3B; John Turpin 1B, 1B; Josh Rogers 1B, 1B, 1B; Wyatt Trotter 1B, 1B; Camden McGregor 1B; Morgan Wright 1B, 1B, 1B; Hunter Trotter 1B.
Rangers leading hitters: Brayden Stanley 2B, 2B; Colin Whittington 1B, 1B, 3B; Carter Whittington 1B, 2B; Cofy Harris 2B, HR; Ben Goodaker 1B, HR; Dorian Fox 1B; Jeremiah Herrell 1B; Jayvian Turner 1B, 1B.

FINAL
Yankees.....204 021 — 9
Cardinals.....334 20x — 12
Yankees leading hitters: Luke Parker 1B, 2B, 2B; Hunter Newsom 1B, 1B, 1B, 3B; Nate Noel 1B, 1B, 1B; John Turpin 1B, 1B; Josh Rogers 1B, 2B; Wyatt Trotter 1B.
Cardinals leading hitters: Grayden Miller 1B, 1B; Travis Perry 1B, 1B, 3B; Ryan Hammett 1B; Barrett Botton 2B, 3B; Corbin Nichols 2B, 3B; Drake Walker 1B, 1B; Cannon Littlejohn 2B; Timothy Nichols 1B, 1B; Kameron Maroney 1B; Aiden Graham 1B.

LAST WEEK'S SOFTBALL RESULTS, STANDINGS

12U SOFTBALL LEAGUE

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	GB
Dawson Bama	9	3	-
Dawson Yankees	9	3	-
Dawson Red Sox	5	7	4
Caldwell Blue Jays	1	11	10

Tuesday, June 25, in Dawson Springs
Red Sox.....166 — 13
Bama.....560 — 11
Red Sox leading hitters: Baylee Peek 1B; Olivia Latham 1B; Marlee Burden 1B, 1B.
Bama leading hitters: Brooklyn Jones 3B; Alyssa Dismang 1B, HR; Kiana Hooper 2B.

Red Sox.....656 — 17
Bama.....530 — 8
Red Sox leading hitters: Baylee Peek 1B; Olivia Burden 1B; Sabreyn Pleasant 1B.
Bama leading hitters: Jalynn Hooper 1B; Brooklyn Jones 1B, 1B; Alyssa Dismang 2B, HR; Kaylee Simpson 2B.

12U TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 28, in Dawson Springs
SEMIFINAL
Blue Jays.....263 — 11
Bama.....66x — 12
Blue Jays leading hitters: Jaycee Jones 2B; Chansey Markham 1B; Elizabeth Wright 1B.
Bama leading hitters: Jalynn Hooper 1B, 1B; Brooklyn Jones 1B; Alyssa Dismang 1B; Aubrie Gunn 1B.

SEMIFINAL
Red Sox.....002 10 — 3
Yankees.....304 0x — 7
Red Sox leading hitters: Marlee Burden 1B; Sabreyn Pleasant 1B; Cindy Solomon 2B.
Yankees leading hitters: Denisha Randolph 1B; Breanna Cunningham 1B, HR; Kenzi Matthews 1B.

Saturday, June 29, in Dawson Springs
FINAL
Yankees.....210 00 — 3
Bama.....152 6x — 14
Yankees leading hitters: Denisha Randolph 1B; Kenzi Matthews 1B, 1B.
Bama leading hitters: Jalynn Hooper 1B, 1B, 1B, 2B; Brooklyn Jones 1B, 3B; Alyssa Dismang 1B, 3B; Isabel Spurlin HR; Emily Abbott 1B; Kiana

Hooper 3B; Kiki Riggs 1B, 1B; Madison Spurlin 1B, 2B; Kaylee Simpson 1B, 1B, 1B.

2B, 3B; Jacey Jagers 1B; Nicole Cravens 1B; Maggy Griggs 1B.

SEMIFINAL
Cardinals.....110 1 — 3
Bombsquad.....9

10U SOFTBALL LEAGUE

FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	GB
Crittenden Bombsquad	10	2	-
Caldwell Cardinals	8	4	2
Caldwell Twins	8	4	2
Caldwell Dodgers	7	4	2.5
Lyon Crushers	2	10	8
Dawson Red Sox	0	11	9.5

Monday, June 17, in Princeton
Crushers.....110 1 — 3
Dodgers.....411 2 — 8
Crushers leading hitters: Allie Bell 1B; Adriana Galusha HR, HR; Katie Wellham 1B; Jewel Waltermann 1B.
Dodgers leading hitters: Alexis Wynn 1B; Alia Leitner 1B, HR; Karen Louk 1B, 1B, 1B; Kaylee McEnaney 1B, 1B; Mary Tays 1B; Amy Farmer 2B; Kynady Thomas 1B, 1B; Savannah Scott 3B; Emily Sherrill 1B.

10U TOURNAMENT

Thursday, June 27, in Princeton
QUARTERFINAL
Crushers.....0
Cardinals.....5

QUARTERFINAL
Red Sox.....000 1 — 1
Dodgers.....535 x — 13
Red Sox leading hitters: Marissa Foe 1B, 1B; Ashley Jennings 1B; Trinity Randolph 1B; Vanessa Tackett 1B; McKensie Martin 1B.
Dodgers leading hitters: Kaylee McEnaney 1B, 1B, 1B; Anna Turpin 1B, 3B, 3B; Alexis Wynn 1B, 2B; Mary Tays 1B, 1B; Kynady Thomas 1B, 1B, 1B; Amy Farmer 1B; Savannah Scott 1B, 1B; Courtney Guill 2B.

Friday, June 28, in Princeton
SEMIFINAL
Dodgers.....203 102 — 8
Twins.....100 00x — 1
Dodgers leading hitters: Kaylee McEnaney 1B, 1B, 1B; Anna Turpin 1B, 1B, 3B; Alexis Wynn 1B, 1B; Mary Tays 1B; Kynady Thomas 1B, 2B; Amy Farmer 1B; Savannah Scott 1B.
Twins leading hitters: Kylee James



DENISHA RANDOLPH pitches for the Yankees against Bama in the 12U softball tournament championship game on Saturday.

Photo by Mike Howton

Recruiting Class Will Have Wildcats Back On Top

By MITCHELL STINSON
The Gleaner, Henderson

So the Indiana Hoosiers had two players in the top four of last week's NBA draft and the Kentucky Wildcats had none.

Don't worry UK fans, the Louisville Cardinals landed one player in the entire first round and they're national champions. After a rare swing of the pendulum toward Bloomington (Ind.), Wildcats should dominate the draft once again in 2014. The incoming recruiting class may

be the best ever — and that spells “one-and-done” for some.

The McDonald's All-America game should've been renamed UK East vs. UK West. They reeled in five of the nation's top 10 high school players. Most likely to bolt after one year are the Harrison twins from Texas. Standing 6-foot-5, both guards were men among boys in high school and the mismatches may continue in college. Aaron is a phenomenal shooting guard, Andrew is great at the point.

The Wildcats also nabbed the

best forward around — 6-9 Julius Randle — and a big-time, 6-10 center named Dakari Johnson. James Young (6-6) is ranked among the nation's elite small forwards and Marcus Lee (6-9) brings explosive athleticism. These guys are tall, strong and smooth. Some already have NBA bodies, others aren't far from it. Throw in a couple of powerful holdovers from last year's disappointing season, and UK seems a cinch to impact the draft for the next couple years.

Don't expect anything similar

from the Hoosiers. They've got an exciting freshman in Noah Vonleh, a versatile 6-9 power forward who can handle the ball and play big in the paint. But he didn't look like a one-and-done guy in national all-star games. Ditto for 6-7 Troy Williams, an Oak Hill Academy alum whose skill set doesn't match his NBA-type athleticism.

None of Indiana's returnees are likely to generate much draft interest in 2014. Which is quite a pendulum swing from last week, when Victor Oladipo went second and

Cody Zeller was picked fourth. Tumbling all the way to sixth was Kentucky shot-blocker Nerlens Noel, who had been projected as the top pick. His knee issues probably made general managers nervous.

Enjoy it while you can, Hoosier fans. Things are going to change in a big way. With their latest and greatest influx of freshman phenoms, the Wildcats will return to their lofty perch next season. Indiana has a good recruiting class itself but nothing to compare to what's brewing in Lexington.



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Author Supports Teaching Of Cursive Handwriting

By Amber Coulter
The News-Enterprise

There is more benefit to learning cursive than keeping the skill alive.

Michael Ray Smith is afraid a day might come when many people can't read original copies of the Declaration of Independence and other vital documents.

The increasing trend in the nation of schools teaching children typing and neglecting cursive instruction can leave something important out of their cognitive development.

Smith, an author who teaches at Campbellsville University, began his research into the impact of learning cursive when he was studying and writing a book about John McLean Harrington.

"He got me interested in handwriting and what it means when a few of us still take notes and use cursive," he said. "A whole lot of people have abandoned it, and a lot of public schools no longer teach it. If you look at his handwriting, to me, it's attractive. It's almost like calligraphy."

A postmaster and journalist in Hartnett County, N.C., McLean published 302 handwritten newspapers between 1858 and 1869. The collection makes up the most handwritten newspapers ever copied by one person in the United States.

Smith, who visited Eliza-

bethown for the Kentucky Christian Writers' Conference, has preserved examples of McLean's work on his website, www.afreepressinfreehand.com.

His research has taught him about how different styles of handwriting were used for men and women.

Features such as pressure on the paper and the shape and size of letters still can tell a reader more about the writer's state of mind, whether they were angry or in a rush, than any typed page can, Smith said.

There also is an emotional component. There is a reason people enjoy writing in journals by hand and why they treasure handwritten notes and letters when they routinely delete e-mails, he said.

Students have a lot to gain from learning the skill because it encourages continuation and connections that can extend to more areas of life than pen strokes on paper, Smith said.

"It's about making connections, how each letter connects to the next," he said.

Smith said his research and personal feelings have a lot to say about the increasing loss of cursive and the backlash that could come of it in the future.

"As we embrace the new wave, we've sometimes abandoned the old," he said. "It doesn't have to be that way."

Kentucky Horse Council Plans Trail Building Class

The Kentucky Horse Council is inviting anyone interested in building sustainable trails to a one-day trail building class on August 24. This class is open to all non-motorized trail user groups, tourism and travel individuals, and anyone interested in building or maintaining non-motorized trails in their communities. The trail topics to be discussed will not be unique to horse trails, but are applicable for any type of non-motorized trail.

The location of the class will be determined by the location of interested participants.

No trail building experience is necessary. The class is limited to 15 individuals.

Topics to be covered in this one-day class include: a discussion of trail environment in Kentucky; introduction of trail issues involving user groups, public and private lands; key features of good trail design, and less acceptable trail design; op-

tions to limit erosion through design techniques, and an introduction to trail tools and equipment.

The class will involve a morning classroom session, lunch, and an afternoon session outside observing and discussing on a specific trail section.

Registration prices are \$45 for participants with a discounted rate of \$40 for Kentucky Horse Council members. Registration fees include all materials and lunch.

To be considered for the class, individuals must complete an online "Interest Form" at www.kentuckyhorse.org/trailbuildclass, to allow KHC to determine the best class location. This form must be completed by July 19, 2013. After the location is announced, interested individuals may register and pay for the class.

Questions regarding this class should be directed to Ginny Grulke at 859-533-7002 or director@kentuckyhorse.org.

OBITUARIES

Funeral Is Held Saturday For Joseph McKnight, 80

The funeral for Joseph Kenneth McKnight, 80, of Christian County, was held Saturday at Beshear Funeral Home.

The Rev. J.W. Haire officiated. Burial with military rites conducted by the U.S. Army was in Greenwood Cemetery.

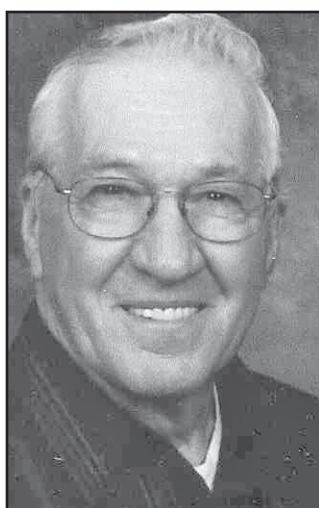
McKnight died June 26, 2013, at Jennie Stuart Medical Center.

He was born May 22, 1933, in Christian County, to the late Joe and Nodie Cline McKnight.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and retired after 20 years with Island Creek Coal Company. During his mining career, he served the management team as both a face boss and as a mine superintendent. He also enjoyed farming.

In addition to his parents, McKnight was preceded in death by his wife, Nora Mae Pleasant McKnight, July 15, 2012; a brother, Arnold McKnight; and a half sister, Marie Dillingham.

Survivors include a



JOSEPH McKNIGHT

daughter, Lisa McKnight; a son and daughter-in-law, Terrell and Debbie McKnight; three grandsons and granddaughters-in-law, Josh and Sarah McKnight, Micah and Amber McKnight, and Eric and Mary Shelton; and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Josh McKnight, Micah McKnight, Eric Shelton, Jeff McKnight, Jake McKnight and Zack Chappel.

Arrangements Pending For Gladys Blanche Hicks, 93

Arrangements are pending at Beshear Funeral Home for Gladys Blanche Hicks, 93, of Princeton, formerly of

Dawson Springs.

She died at 4:10 a.m. July 2, 2013, at Caldwell Medical Center.



ABBY RAMEY provided entertainment at the Miss Dawson Springs pageant Saturday, June 15. photo by Jacob Parker

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Last Private Prison In State To Close Sunday

The Kentucky Department of Corrections will not enter into a new contractual agreement with a private prison in Marion County when the current contract expires on Sunday.

The decision means that for the first time in nearly 30 years, Kentucky would have no inmates housed in private prisons.

"Through the collaborative efforts of administration officials, legislative leaders, and local communities, we have made real, sustained progress in reducing the number of inmates while better preparing those who are incarcerated to re-enter society," J. Michael Brown, Justice and Public Safety Secretary, said. "This has created, for the first time in a generation, an opportunity to manage our inmate population with existing DOC facilities, county jails, and local halfway houses."

Brown credited the bold policy changes contained in House Bill 463 from the 2011 legislative session with much of the progress in Kentucky's criminal justice system. The law modernized Kentucky drug laws and reinvested a portion of the savings from reduced prison costs into drug treatment opportunities for offenders who need help.

The department has up to 120 days to move all inmates from Marion Adjustment Center (MAC) once its current contract expires. However, the exact transition schedule will be worked out between DOC and MAC's parent company, Corrections

Corporation of America.

MAC currently houses 794 inmates, including 232 non-secure custody inmates and 562 secure custody inmates. The department is preparing a transition plan to ensure that all inmates currently enrolled in a Substance Abuse Program (SAP) will either have completed the program prior to leaving MAC, or will be placed in a SAP elsewhere to ensure their treatment is uninterrupted.

"One of the major considerations in making this decision was whether we could continue to meet the treatment needs of inmates struggling with substance abuse issues, and that has been assured," Brown said.

CCA will determine the next course of action for its facility and employees. If needed, employees of the private company will be assisted by a rapid response team from the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet and by the Personnel Cabinet in the application process for those seeking potential employment in state government.

It is estimated that inmates housed at MAC can be moved to other facilities available to DOC and county jails at an estimated savings of \$1.5 to \$2.5 million per year.

"The Department of Corrections continually reassesses its bed space needs, and this decision is further evidence of the department's responsible and efficient use of state resources, as well as an indication that the reforms we've enacted over the past several years are working," Brown said.

Obituary Policy

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Forget Me Not 5K Walk/Run For Alzheimer's Set For Aug.

The first Forget Me Not 5K walk/run for Alzheimer's disease in memory of Tommy Hunt will be held in Dawson Springs Aug. 3.

To preregister for a cost of \$20, go to active.com or mail forms, available at Beauty Shop on the Square, to Stephanie Gamblin, 300 W. Washington St., Princeton, KY 42445 by July 19. Make checks payable to For-

get Me Not 5K.

On-site registration will open at 7 a.m. at the Dawson Springs High School parking lot. The cost is \$25. The race will begin at 8 a.m.

Participants who preregister will receive a T-shirt available on race day. Shirts can be ordered on-site for \$10.

All proceeds from the race will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association.

Local Residents Receive Degrees At WKU In May

Four Dawson Springs residents received degrees from Western Kentucky University in May.

They are Kelly J. Bullock, Bachelor of Sci-

ence in nursing; Dan E. Dillingham, Master of Arts in education; Damond Houston, Master of social work; and Lindsey L. Sisk, Master of Science.



SHELBY LONEY was named second runner-up in the Miss Dawson Springs pageant Saturday, June 15.

photo by Jacob Parker

Kentucky Film Highlights Red River Gorge Area

By Leslie Ferrell
The State Journal

Written, directed and produced by Kentucky native Bruce Barnett, the feature film "Red River Moon" will make its world premiere recently at the Kentucky Theater in downtown Lexington.

A story of getting lost in the Appalachian wilderness, the film highlights the scenic Red River Gorge and other locations around Kentucky. It also features musicians from the region and stars the talent of Frankfort natives Nat Colten and Jeri Katherine Howell.

Colten and Howell were 16 and 17, respectively, when the movie was shot in 2010, said Barnett, owner of Mighty Quinn Media.

They were both in the folk music group The Meta-fours, and Howell said she has known Colten since they were in elementary school.

In the movie, Howell sings "Darkness," a song written by Carla Gover, who played a large role in how Howell became involved with the film. Though this was not the first film experience for the singer and 2012 graduate of Frankfort High School, she said it was exciting to see all of the creativity and fun going on behind the scenes.

"It was so interesting being an outsider not knowing anything about making a film," Howell said.

For Colten, a 2011 graduate of Western Hills, this was his first film experience. Gover suggested he audition and he fit the part pretty well, he said.

Colten, who is one of the film's main characters, said he enjoyed the experience, though not all of the makeup involved. But he said mak-

ing a movie is probably just a one-time thing for him.

"It was a fun little vacation, but I'm not interested in acting," he said.

The film itself consists entirely of a Kentucky cast and crew, except for one part-time crewmember. Though this was not the original intent, a pure Kentucky cast was the final result.

Due to other plans falling through, all of the scenes were shot in the area as well.

"I originally had planned on shooting a little bit in North Carolina," said Barnett. "We weren't trying to cast an entirely Kentucky cast or shoot entirely in Kentucky, but that's certainly how it ended up."

Barnett, a Winchester native, has a degree in filmmaking from the University of Kentucky and now teaches middle school in Lexington. He produced another film and has worked on documentaries, but this is his debut as a writer and director.

"I knew when I did my writing and directorial debut that I wanted to use the Red River Gorge as the backdrop because I think it's just the most beautiful place in Kentucky," he said.

A first draft of the script was written in 2007. It tells the story of two siblings who find themselves lost in the Appalachian wilderness and having to find their way out.

Filming took place in June and July of 2010 and took about 20 days, though there were some unexpected roadblocks — namely the only official bear attack in modern Kentucky history that occurred about a mile or less from where they were shooting. Barnett said it caused the Gorge to be shut down for about a week.



JESSE ROBINSON AND ELIZABETH WORKMAN
Will marry in September

Elizabeth L. Workman To Wed Jesse Robinson

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Workman of Dawson Springs are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Lauryn Workman to Jesse Duane Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Robinson, also of Dawson Springs.

The bride-elect is a 2008 graduate of Dawson Springs High School and a 2012 cum laude graduate of Western Kentucky University. She is currently employed by the Dawson Springs Board of

Education as a high school social studies teacher.

The prospective groom is a 2007 graduate of Dawson Springs High School and a 2011 cum laude graduate of Western Kentucky University. He is employed as a chemist by McCoy and McCoy in Madisonville.

A September wedding is being planned at the Plantation House in Greenville.

The couple will reside in Dawson Springs.

Stacey Beaven Will Head March For Babies In Sept.

The March of Dimes Green River Division has announced Stacey Beaven, vice president and chief nursing officer at Baptist Health Madisonville, as chairwoman for the 2013 Hopkins County March for Babies. The walk will be held Sept. 14, 2013, at the Trover Wellness Park, located at Baptist Health Madisonville.

Beaven will lead the campaign to raise awareness and gain support for March of Dimes research and community programs to help moms have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies. The March for Babies helps in the fight to save babies from premature birth and other serious threats to infant health. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the March of Dimes.

"For 75 years, the March of Dimes has led the way in helping women have full term pregnancies and research the problems that threaten the

health of babies," Beaven said. "I am proud to serve as the 2013 chair because I support that mission and believe all babies should have the chance to be born healthy. I hope the people of Hopkins County will support this worthy cause."

Under Beaven's leadership, Baptist Health Madisonville has implemented evidence-based practices to reduce elective cesarean deliveries and inductions, decrease preterm births and improve patient/infant outcomes.

In Kentucky, the March of Dimes helps families through programs of research, advocacy, health education and community services. For more information on the 2013 Hopkins County March for Babies, visit www.marchforbabies.org or contact Amy Nonweiler, division director, at 683-2410 or ANonweiler@marchofdimes.com.



CAMERON RILEY was chosen first runner-up in this year's Miss Dawson Springs pageant Saturday, June 15.

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Garden Club Meets At Pennyrile State Park

The Pennyrile Garden Club met June 18 at Pennyrile Forest State Resort Park. Dianne Back and JoAnn Edwards were co-hostesses.

Peggy Furgerson conducted the meeting in the absence of the president and vice president. Charlotte Cooley read the club collect. Members answered the roll by identifying a new flower they would like to try in their yards. Sharon Budd presented the minutes from the May meeting, and Furgerson gave the finance report. Business discussions included plans for selecting the Yard of the Month and various club procedures.

For the major lesson,

Anna Neely, volunteer landscaper at Pennyrile, took the members on a tour of various garden spots around the lodge. Of special interest were the kitchen herb garden and the native Kentucky plant garden. Cooley gave the minor lesson on tips for enjoying birds.

The members were served dessert and finished the afternoon playing bingo. Those attending were Susan Menser, Eloise Morris, Back, Budd, Cooley, Edwards and Furgerson. Neely joined the group as their guest.

The club will not meet during July and August. The next meeting will be Sept. 17 at the Budd home.

EKU Dean's List Includes Dawson Springs Residents

Two Dawson Springs residents, Rihana Paige McKnight and Alexandra Maria Schmidt, were among the 2,749 Eastern Kentucky University students who earned Dean's List honors for the spring 2013 semester.

McKnight and Schmidt are pre-RN pre-nursing ma-

jors at EKU.

To achieve Dean's List honors, students taking 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.



KRISTIN PEEK was crowned Miss Dawson Springs 2013 Saturday, June 15.

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Still No Start Date For Hopkinsville Call Center

By Carla Jimenez
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In May of last year, TeleTech announced its intentions of establishing a call center in Hopkinsville. The announcement brought with it the potential of 500 to 700 jobs for the area, and local officials from city government to the community college all offered unwavering support of the Colorado-based company.

More than a year later, a sign still hangs in the empty space at Bradford Square mall, promising that the center is "coming soon."

Despite numerous promises and false starts, the Hopkinsville call center has not yet opened. TeleTech has yet to establish a client for its call center, which is why the company has delayed its starting date for more than a year.

Mitch Robinson, director of the South Western Kentucky Economic Development Council, said he has been in constant contact with TeleTech, and the company has given every indication that it has fully committed to locating in Hopkinsville.

TeleTech has been making positive steps forward, which demonstrate commitment. The company started accepting applications for its Hopkinsville call center, and will begin hiring managers and training employees at the Hopkinsville Community College once a client has been established.

TeleTech also submitted its building plans to the Kentucky Department of Housing, Building and

Construction in December. The plans show a renovation of the space reserved for the company in Bradford Square mall, and they were ultimately approved by the department.

Robinson did hint on positive news coming from the company soon, however. He said his TeleTech contact called him recently to promise a positive development, but Robinson said he has not spoken to the contact since.

He did, however, say he had been aggravated by the continually postponed timeline.

"Obviously we're frustrated like a lot of folks are," he said. "We would have hoped they had something going by the original timeline."

When TeleTech made its initial announcement, the company said it would open in fall of last year. When fall came and went, the company promised to open before the end of 2012.

Then, in March, the company announced its intentions to establish a call center in Paducah, which worried Hopkinsville residents, but TeleTech reassured everyone from Robinson to Mayor Dan Kemp that the company is still planning to open the call center in Hopkinsville before the one in Paducah. At that point, TeleTech said it was close to clinching a client, and could see an opening date as soon as the first quarter of 2013.

As the first quarter came and went, public frustration grew. But TeleTech has insisted it remains committed to its original promise.